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# Parliament certain: Sheikh Saad

KUWAIT. April 17. (Kuna): His Highness Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday asserted that revival of parliamentary life in Kuwait is "an undisputed certainty," emphasising that the country's political leadership was resolved to consolidate

democracy.

The Crowo Prince added, io a press statement, he will report today to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah on the outcome of a series of his "national dialogue" meetings with citizens and former dialogue meetings with citizens and former parliamentarians on revival of parliamentary

HH Sheikh Saadearlier yesterday had the last such meeting with private etitzens, including some 70 deputies of the dissolved national

assemblies. return of parliamentary life — as his Highness the Amir has pointed out before — is an undis-puted certainly and the (country's) poliocal leadership is keen on consolidating democracy whilesparing the country any future shakeups. The Crown Prince expressed satisfaction with "the candour, clarity and friendly spirit"

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WASHINGTON, April 17, (AP): Pakistan, India, Argentina, Brazil and Iraq have been able to circumvent international regulations to build or expand nuclear weapons capabilities, o research organisation reported

To deter these practices, the report

recommended that the United States

and other supplier countries threaten to use economic and military sanctions

The researchers also recommended

that traditional nuclear suppliers

ensure rigorous enforcement of their

common nuclear export guidelines The report said West Germany has

been the "weak link" in the mul-

tilateral export control system and must enact legislation in tighten

Titled "nnelear exports: The challenge of control," the report was prepared by the private Carnegie End-

ownent for International Peace.
There was no immediate comm

from any of the embassies whose governments were mentioned in the

But Iraq has denied any intention to

develop nuclear weapous. The denial came three weeks ago after British investigators arrested four people allegedly trying to smuggle to Iraq a

device capable of triggering a nuclea

Afterward, US President George Bosh called on supplier nations to exercise "special restraint" in the export of parts that could be used to

Of the five countries mentioned in

the report, it said Iraq's programme was far behind those of the other

The report, written by Leonard

Spector with the assistance of Jacqueline Smith, said the emerging

nuclear states have been able to

exploit weaknesses in the nuclear

export control systems of the advan-

ced supplier states. Spector is director

project and Smith is the project assistant.

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commodities without required export licenses or by making bistantly false

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declarations on export documents the report said.

export control laws.

as penalties.

former deputies.

He also praised the citizens' favourable response and their interest in actively participating in national dialogue which focused on how to bring the parliament back to life "on solid ground that would guarantee continuation and stability and strengthen the country's security

A Kuwani newspaper today called upon the country's leadership to work out a formula that would guarantee people's participation in decision-making and non-recurrence of past

The daily, in an editorial comment on the conclusion on Monday of national dialogue sessions between the government and represen-tatives of various sectors of the community, stressed that the exchange has reached several points of agreement.

The dialogue was conducted in a truly democratic and frank atmosphere, where all ideas were discussed without reservations and even when views differed, the exchange remained cordial and positive, the paper said.

the arrests in London of several peo-

ple accused of trying to smuggle nuclear bomh triggers to Iraq. Later, British customs agents impounded Iraq-bound steel tubing in oorthern England, saying it could be part of a

huge gun.
"I otdered the commanders of air

and rocket bases, if they ever hear

that Israel hits any base or place in Iraq with an atomic bomh, you bave

"So you have an advance order to

hit back, even in the event that you do not have an order from a top com-

Iraq's order for steel tubes which

British Customs officials say could

be used to huild a supergun, the firm

Sheffield Forgemasters said Bull's Brussels-based Space Research Cor-

poration acted for the Iraqi Ministry of Trade in sewing up the contract.

The Canadiao artillery expert was

shot dead in the Belgian capital last

that made them said yesterday

# Saddam digs i

Orders issued for chem-retaliation to N-attack Firm at centre of gun row linked to murdered gunmaker

BAGHDAD, April 17, (Agencies): President Saddam Hussein said in the event of an Israeli nuclear attack, he has instructed his commanders to hit Israel with chemical weapons without waiting for orders, the state-rup media reported today.

Several newspapers and the Iraqi News Agency said Saddam made the disclosure last week during talks with a group of six visiting US senators headed: by Republican minority leader Robert Dole.

Soviet jets in Jeddah

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia, April 17. (AP): The first of

JEDDAH, Saudi Arahia, April 17, (AP): The first of 30 Aeroflot flights landed yesterday in this Saudi Arahian port city to airlift one million copies of the Holy Quran to the Soviet Union to be distributed among Muslims there as a gift from King Fahd.

The operation is being organised by the Makkah based Muslim World League.

This kingdom, which harbours Islam's holiest sarines, was no formal diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union. But the Aeroflot landings in Jeddah ore part of growing links outside diplomacy.

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The atmosphere of freedom in the Soviet Union

resulting from the policies of President Mikhail S. Gorhachev allowed the royal gift, said the league's Secretary-General, Abdullah Omar Naseef.

The copies of the Muslim holy book to be sent to he Soviet Muslim's were printed in Arabic at the

King Fand printing complex in Madina.

An additional 600,000 translations of the hadith.

or centuries of interpretations of the Holy Quran, in the language of the Turkistan region are being prepared for export.

NEWSWATCH

Mass demonstrations: Irao's main opposi-

tion group said on Tuesday it's supporters held mass demonstrations over the past three days against the

clencal government in Tehran.
The Baghdad-based Mujahedeen Khalq told

Reuters in a telex that thousands of demonstrators assembled in Mellat Park in north Tehran "in protest

demonstrations against the leaders of the mullahs

armed guards opened fire to disperse the demon-

strators and severely beat up some of them, breaking

The guards arrested a large number of demon-strators on Saturday and Sunday, the statement

Militants threaten rabbi: Jewish zealots

left a bullet on the doorstep of an Israeli rahhi who

backs the dovish Labour Party's plan for Arab-

Israeli police said the hultet and a note signed by the shadow. Sicarii group were found in an envelope at the Bnei Brak home of rahhi Moshe Yehoshua

Hagger oo Tuesday.

A Tel Aviv police spokeswoman said the note warned Hagger against forcing any Agudat Israel parliamentarian to vote for a government headed by pro-peace Labour leader Shimoo Peres. (Reuter)

Special relationship: President George Bush is confident of good relations between the United States and Britain if the opposition Labour Party

came to power, the Times oewspaper said on Tues-

day.
The Times said this was a signal from Bush that the

days of deliberate White House hostility to Labour

Trafficking in women: President Hossain Mohammad Ershad on Tuesday ordered a crackd-own on the smuggling of Bangladeshi women and children who are sold abroad as prostitutes and

Servants.

The official BSS news agency said Ershad issued the order after he visited 15 women and children rescued by police on Monday from a hotel in Dhaka.

Police arrested six people who admitted they inten-

It quoted reports from the Iranian capital as saying

regime in Tehran.

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Israeli peace talks.

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1m copies of Quran

for Soviet Muslims

"I know that chemical weapons are probibited by the Geneva protocol, which Iraq has

signed." he was quoted as saying. "But are chemical weapons more dangerous than

"I repeat to you what I announced before. If Israel hits us then we will hit back." Saddam said, adding: "I will never apologise for what I announced." The 1925 Geneva protocol forbids the use of chemical weapons but not their manufacture or stockpiling. It has no enforcement provisions.

Saddam had earlier announced that in the event of an Israeli attack on Iraqi installations, his nation would retaliate with advanced binary chemical weapons. That announcement came after

Israeli police puli Daoud Kuttab, a Palestinian journalist as Greek Orthodox clergy and Arab Christians protest in front of the new Jewish settlement in the Christian quarter of the Old City. Kuttab was released after police bushed him into the settler's huilding, hul the project was not allowed to be

# Demo inside holy church

Pilgrims amazed

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 17. (AP): Palestinias women and masked youths waving outlawed Palestinian flags staged a demonstration today inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, venerated as the site of Christ's burial and resurrection. Visiting pilgrims and tourists stared in amazement as the

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40 to 50 demonstrators changed "PLO. PLO" and "Israel no. Palestine yes" inside what many regard as Christian-

It was the first time that a protest has been staged inside the church since the Palestiolan uprasing against Israeli occupation began 28 months ago.

The church is in Jerusalem's Old City, which was cap-

tured from Jordanian control in 1967 and is the scene of a dispute between Arah Christians and Jews who last week set up a settlement on church-owned property in the Associated Press photographe: Max Nash, who witnes-

to block the demonstrators from entering but they pushed Masked youths hung at least one of the outlawed red, white, green and black Palestinian flags from a colonnade

sed the demonstration, said a Greek Orthodox priest tried

inside the church, but priests quickly removed the banner, Tourists and pilgrims inside the church seemed confused by the demonstration, but one was overheard to say

io French: "This is disgusting."

The demonstration started with a sit-in at the nearby Greek Orthodox patriarchate during a visit by Israel's

Religious Affairs Minister, Zevuin Hammer, with Patriarch Diodorus I. The demonstration appeared to include both young

Christian women in jeans and Muslim women in traditional embroidered Palestinian dresses with scarves on their heads

#### China crackdown on religious groups in Muslim areas religious persons who could be united and on the cities on April 6 to quell rioting.

REIJING, April 17.1 API: Officials have been ughtening controls over religion in an area of far western China, an official newspaper reported. Muslim ethnic groups have reportedly been noting in the

ded to take the group out of the country.

The Xianjiang daily, mits April 11 edition seen in Beijing today, said officials in the Aksu district of Xinjiang Uygur autocomous region have "gone deep into the grasstoots" since February to reliminate hidden troubles in order to achieve overall stability.

Although the daily made no mention of the reported disturbances, it said the officials have been meeting minority groups "to unite all patriotic

other hand firmly crack down on unlawful religious activities."

It said there was poor organisation and improper use of funds in some religious bodies, and that the leadership had decided to strengtheo management of local religious organisations.

There reportedly was ethnic rioting earlier this

month in Kashgar, about 400 km (250 miles) southwest of Aksu, and Kuga, a town in the district on the edge of the Taklimakao desert.

Officials both in Unumqi, the provincial capital of Xinjiang, and Beijing have refused to comment on reports that troops were dispatched to the three Foreign journalists and travellers have been barred from entering the area, and few details have emerged of the disturbances, it is likely they were sparked by longstanding tensions between the Muslim ethnic groups of Xiangang and the Han

Chinese who have been moving into Muslim areas.

Xinjiang officials have warned in recent mooths that some people in the vast, and province have been using religion as a grase for separatist, anti-Chinese activities. They have called for tighter controls over religion, which can legally be pracuced in China only within the framework of government-approved reagous bodies.

**Enrile warns** 

Shilippine opposition leader Juan Ponce Enrile clenches his fist to emphasise a point during a speech before businessmen on Monday. Ho said the Philippines was falling apair under the rule of President Corazon

(See also Page 2).



Jon Simons of Sydney looks at a Crested Duck in the poultry pavilion at the Royal Easter Show yesterday. The breed originaled in England. Thousands of children visited the agricultural show. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Fire at Delhi confab centre

Kashmir parties banned

NEW DELHI, April 17, (Agencies): A fire swept through the Indian government's main conference centre yesterday while 400 senior police and state government officials were

to hit Israel because Israel could hit us while we (the leadership) are hold-ing a meeting in Baghdad." Saddam Some 45 fire eogines and 250 firefighters fought the blaze for more than six hours after it started at 4 pm. (1030 GMT) at Vigyan Bhawan, or house of knowledge, fire department officials said.

mander, if Israel bombs any base or any Iraqi city. A company run hy murdered arms maker Gerald Bull was involved in There were no casualties, but the five-storey buildings was badly

United News of India reported an electrical short circuit may have caused the fire. But senior police officials refused

to rule out possible sabotage or arson. They spoke oo condition of not being identified. Another fire broke out in the Sadar Bazar husioess neighbourhood of the Indian capital vesterday, police said. There was no reported casualries, but

month, apparently by a professional police reported several shops were burned down.

More than 100 senior police Bull was well-koown to arms circles and had worked for the US and officials were attending a conference io Vigyan Bhawan when the fire Canadian governments. In 1980 he was jailed for violating a US embargo

broke out. They had adjourned their meeting for a tea hreak when the on arms sales to South Africa hy selling it an advanced howitzer. Sheffield Forgemasters' lawyer Stuart Bensoo issued a statement yes hlaze began. Another meeting of 300 officials of state governments information and cinematography departments were also inside the complex when the fire terday saving, "all documents I have seen support Forgemasters' under-

standing that the pipes were for a petrochemical application." started. They were evacuated. "It has always been accepted by Forgemasters that Space Research The centre, with several cooference halls and an auditorium, is used for holding large meetings and Corp, had involvement in this con-tract." his statement said. Forgeinternational conferences. A Kashmiri separatist group has claimed reponsibility for setting the masters has never sought to conceal

such involvement. huge fire.

In a telephone call to Reuters in Srinagar, summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, a spokesman for the Mujahideen-e-Kashmir said his The representative of Brussels-based Space Research Corp. in the contract with Iraqi Ministry of Trade had been a Dr. Cowley, not Bull, he

group set the blaze at Vigyan Bhawan conference hall. Also today, Iraq marked the second anniversary of the recapture of the southern port of Faw on April 17, 1988, which was taken by the Iranians during the eight-year Gulf

Bhawan conference hall.

Delhi police commissioner Vijay Karan said "nothing can be ruled out" when he was asked about possible causes of the fire.

Humayam Azad, who described himself as chief commander and spokesman of the Mujahideen-e-Kashmir, said the group also set off bombs on a Bombay train, two police stations in New Delhi, and another on a bus in the Indian capital. The war. The celebrations came amid a burrage of anti-Americae and anni-British criticism over the two countries allegations that Iraq could be trying to huild a nuclear capability. Many commentators blamed Iran's capture of Faw in February

on a bus in the Indian capital. The bombs killed six people and injured more than 50 last week. 1986 on intelligence and satellite information provided by the British Delhi police have issued warnings and the US governments to Iran.

"Iran was driven by the Westerto the public to be on the lookout for more bombs as Kashmiri militants ners and the Zionist advice, which provided it with satellite pictures to facilitate the capture of Faw," said the army daily Al Qaddissiya.

expand their campaign against Indian rule beyond the disputed Himalayan region.

Meanwhile, the government ban-

ned eight Muslim militant organisa-tions in Kashmir yesterday and closed two local newspapers in its latest efforts to contain separatist sentiment in the disputed territory. Press Trust of India news agency

said one of the organisations banned was the Jammu-Kashmir Liberation Front, which is leading the separatist campaign in Kashmir, held by India. The step removes constitutional guarantees of civil rights for the organisations and gives police sweeping powers in dealing with

The government also closed two newspapers in Srinagar, Kashmir's ist campaign.

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A government statement said the Urdu language newspapers, Aftab and Alsafa, had published Objectionable material inflaming the passions

of the people.

Indian soldiers, meanwhile, con-finned door-to-door searches for Muslim militants, the 11th coosecutive day of an around-the-clock

curfew. At least 33 people wre taken into custody in Srinagar. The government imposed the cur-few April 6 after three people were kidnapped by Muslim militants

demanding secession of the Kashmir valley from India, which is dominated by Hindus.
All three were shot and killed when

the government failed to respond to the kidnappers' demands of freedom for three jailed colleagues.

The insurgency in the Kashmir valley has claimed at least 270 lives

since the government cracked down on the Muslim movement on Jan 20. Most of the victims have died in confrontations between security forces and the militants.

The independence movement has also escalated tensions between India and Pakistan, which have fought two wars over the valley since both countries gained independence from Britairio 1947.

On Saturday, Prime Minister V.P.
Singh said Pakistan was preparing
for war by readying its airfields and
moving radar installations and armoured regiments close to the Indian border.

A Pakistaoi Foreign Ministry official said the statement proved that India was trying to provoke a

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Libya, Algeria ready

for Opec price talks NICOSIA, April 17, (Reuter): Algeria and Libya have expressed sters read to Reuters by the official did not identify the countries who were breaking Opec's output quota readiness to attend immediate Open talks to agree on measures that

would restore oil prices to its official reference level of \$18 per barrel, a Libyan official said today.
The official told Reuters that Opec President Sadek Boussena of Algeria and Libya Oil Minister Fawzi Shakshouki agreed in urgent telephone consultations that the price slump was caused primarily by excessive

production by some Opec members. They are willing to attend an immediate meeting of Opec mini-sters," said the official, reached by telephone from Nicosia.

A joint statement by the two mini-

regulations.

He also declined comment on a

meeting scheduled later today of the oil ministers of Saudi Atabia. Kuwait and the United Arab "This (price plunge) has caused

heavy damage to the economy and interest of the Opec members." the statement said. Gulf officials told Reuters on Sun-

day that the three Gulf overproducers were opposed to urgent talks and were more likely to take individual action by cutting their rampant outpot to prop up prices.

# Russia cuts off gas for Vilnius

MOSCOW, April 17, (AP): The Soviet Union said today it cut natural gas supplies to Lithuania under President Mikhail Gorbachev's- economic embargo against the Baltic republic's independence drive. Lithuanian media and officials reported.

Lithuania's radio broadcast a telegram from Moscow announcing the cut in gas supplies, the British Broadcasting Corp. reported.

Rita Dapkus, a spokeswoman for the Lithuanian Supreme Council Legislature. confirmed

the telegram's text. "Implementing the orders of the government of the Soviet Union and those of the state gas concern... supplies of natural gas to the Lithuanian Soviet socialist republic will be sharply reduced from the 17th of April." the telegram said.

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No official announcement was made in Moscow.

Tetesa Juodenienie, a secretary for Premiet Kazimiera Prunskiene, said in a telephone interview the Lithuanian government also received a telephone warning from Durzhba, or friendship, the state enterprise that supplies oil to Lithuania.

She said Druzhba said delivereis of oil and gasoline would be curtailed, on Wednesday.
The telegram announcing the

natural gas reduction was sent only to Lithuania's gas auth-ority. Officials did not immediately know whether the cut already bad taken effect and what percentage would be reduced.

Gorbachev specifically called for Lithuania to refrain from curtailing the spring draft into the Soviet army and giving residents Lithuanian identity cards. He also said the republic should not seize Communist Party property on Lithuanian territory.

Gorbachev gave the Baltic republic until Sunday night to

#### Syrians asked to halt Shi'ite battle

BEIRUT, April 17, (Reuter): Tetrified Lebanese appealed for Syrian troops to halt vicious street battles between rival Shifte Muslims sweeping west Beirut today.

"The gunmen are inside our huildiog firing at each other please. please, we want the Syrians to come now and save us. a woman pleaded on the "Voice of the Homeland" radio station.

But miliuamen of the pro-Syrian Amal and pro-Iranian Herbollah ignored calls from Syrian troops, already deployed in west Beirut and its southern suburbs, to halt the ligh-

Security sources said at least 10 people were killed and 35 wounded in the battles.

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# ndia, Pakistan under pressure to halt sabre rattl

ter): An India-Pakistan war over Kashmir remains a real danger, but both nations are under intense diplomatic pressure to stop sabre rattling and start talk-

Despite a welter of warlike rhetoric, diplomatic chaonels remain open and Indian and Pakistani officials are talking about a high-level meeting over a Muslim revolt in Indian Kash-

Both foreign mioisters, India's Inder Guiral and Pakistao's Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, will be in New York next week for meetings of the Uoited Nations assembly and Non-Aligned

Foreign Ministry officials in both countries say oo meeting has yet been fixed but one is pos-

Movement.

"We want to cool it. Let's hope

fashion," a senior Pakistani official said today.

"We have not responded to the last statement from the Indian prime minister so we hope that should put an end to this cycle of action and reaction.'

War fears rose dramatically last week after Indian leader Vishwanath Pratap Singh warned Pakistan in his bluntest terms that it could oot expect to

US State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler yesterday called for talks and Western diplomats in Islamabad said the Soviet Union was also urging

caution on its ally, India. "We are concerned about the level of tension and we call upon both India and Pakistan to take immediate steps to reduce the tension and to solve the problem of Kashmir through negotiations, not confrontation," Tnt-

Both sides bave accused the other of making preparations for war and moving men and equipment into forward positions, but diplomats in both capitals say they see no signs of any offensive movements.

"All we are seeing are higher states of readiness, which is only to be expected with the words flying around the way they are."

Pakistan Premier Benazir Bhutto displayed her confidence this week by leaving with many senior government figures on a three-day Muslim pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia.

Both India and Pakistao. which have fought three wars since independence in 1947, say they do not want another. Diplomats and analysts see the biggest danger coming from a border incident that flares into a wider conflagration.

Iodia accuses Pakistan of being behind the Muslim revolt in Indian-controlled Kashmir and of training and arming militant gummen waging a seces-sionist war on Indian security

Pakistan says its hands are clean, although Benazir has been strident in her political support

At the moment, analysis says is hard to see what could be achieved in talks. Benazir demands that Indian Kashmiris be given a chance to choose whether they want to stay with India, be part of Pakisian or become independent Single is

equally blunt in saving that

Kashmir is part of India and will

never be allowed to secede.

### Benazir in Jeddah for 3-day visit

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia, April 17, (AP): Pakistani Prime Minister Ben-azir Bhutto arrived yesterday on a 3day visit to Makkah, her second outof-season pilgrimage to Islam's holiest shrines.

will hold talks with King Fahd. She also met with him during her visit 15 months ago to perform umrah, as the visit to the boly shrines during off season is called. The Hajj, or pilgrimage, eulminates during the first days of July this year.

The Saudi monarch is in Makkah for the last third of the current Muslim holy month of fasting,

Ramadan.
The sources, who spoke on condition they not be named, said that Benazir's talks with Fahd will cover various issues of common interest. especially the rising tension on the Pakistan-Indian border because of Hindu-Muslim religious strife in the disputed province of Kashmir.

Kashmir is the only Muslimdominated area in India, and the Saudi-hased 46-member Organisation of Islamie Conference has been expressing concern about elashes there. The Saudi-dominated OIC is an umbrella organisation for the Islamic world.

Pakistan already fought two wars with India over Kashmir, bome for over 12 million Muslims.

has a fonegn accent.

WASHINGTON, April 17, (UPI): The Supreme

Court refused yesterday to decide whether an employer may deny a joh to an applicant because he

The justices, without comment, rejected an appeal from Filipino immigrant Manuel Fragante,

who contends the Honolulu Department of Motor

Vehicles discriminated against him by hiring a less-qualified person who has no foreign accent.

discrimination on the hasis of national origin and

Fragante argued that foreign accents are characteristic of a person's national origin.

The civil rights act of 1964 protects employment

**Nothing new to Filipinos** 

# Electricity crisis

MANILA, April 17, (AP): Employees of the Department of Education catnap in darkened corners while

their supervisor moves her desk closer to the window to work in the sunlight. Problem: no electricity. At the main ticketing office of Philippine Airlines. would-be travellers lounge on the stairs waiting until the power returns so airline employees can process

Such scenes are repeated daily in this tropical city of 8 million people, who are enduring a grave electricity crisis during the hottest season of the year.

The shortage has reached such a critical stage that

the government has announced a limited four-day work week starting next Monday for state offices and buildings that consume more than 100 kilowatts a

day.

Infrastructure problems are nothing new to Filipinos, who must cope with a haphazard tele-phone system, chaode traffic, pockholed streets and

an unreliable water system. Last November, the city went through a similar power crisis, which abated after a failed coup the following month. But with demand increasing in the torrid summer months, the daily "brownouts" are

back in fury.

Nothing illustrates the collapse of infrastructure during President Corazon Aquino's administration more graphically than the electricity crisis. It is a problem which affects virtually every household.

Power is cut in commercial and residential districts

for up to eight hours a day. Perishable food spoils in refrigerators and traffic snarls when stoplights fail. Without air-conditioning, offices and homes turn to ovens as temperatures hover near 36 degrees Cel-

by Christian fundamentalists.

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WITH SHARP'S WORLD MULTI

The supreme court yesterday left intact a ban on school dances in a Missouri town inhabited largely

The court, without comment, rejected arguments that the ban imposed by public school officials is religiously motivated and therefore violates the

constitutionally required separation of church and

The decision not to hear the case was among

several actions taken yesterday. In other decisions

Agreed to decide whether workers may sue in

state courts when they allege their employers fired

US supreme court fails to take up

In the city's entertainment district, scantely clad dancers at one club perform their bumps and grinds in the sweltering darkness. The club's generator can power the stereo hut not the lights and air-con-

To make matters worse, Manila is also facing a critical water shortage due to a drought on Luzon Island and the antiquated state of the city's sewerage

Luis Sison, administrator of the metropolitan waterworks and sewerage system, said 40 per cent of the water is being lost because of leaks in the mains, some of which date back 10 1892.

Sison said renovation work began in 1987 but will not be complete until mid-1992, when Aquino's term

Earlier this month, the state-run National Power Corp. acknowledged that 12 of the 22 generating plants on Luzon Island were not operational due to maintenance requirements, storm damage and low water levels at hydroelectrie dams.

water levels at hydroelectric dams.

Those 22 plants generate 2,982 megawatts, of which 80 per cent is consumed in Greater Manila.

Deogracias Peralta, vice-president of the power corporation, said plans call for using coal-fired and geothermal plants to provide the foundation of the

city's electricity system.

But he said the system will not be fully operational

Critics blame the Aquino government for the crisis, which the National Power Corp., had been predicting for the past three years.

'accents' issue

With millions of dollars at stake, the court said it will use a Texas case to decide whether such state

lawsuits are precluded by a federal law protecting

Refused to order the government to reveal the names and addresses of retired or disabled federal

The court, without comment, rejected an appeal by an organisation seeking to use the information

to recruit new members in its campaign for

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# High-level panel to monitor violence

# India increases surveillance at public places

By Thomas Abraham

NEW DELHI April 17: The Indian government has set up a high-level group under the cabinet secretary to monitor the situation arising oot of

the spurt in terrorist violence in the country. The home secretary and senior officials of intelligence agencies will

be part of the group.

The centre has already sent out instructions to the states to increase surveillance at public places like railway stations, bus depots, airports, cinema halls and markets - all potential targets for terrorists planning

While the Dooars Express was on its journey from Gauhan to Katihar, a bomb exploded under

derailment of one coach. One persoo died and ten suffered injuries, five of them seriously. A few hours later, a bomb exploded under the Avadh-Assam Express, derailing eight coaches. As many as 13 passen-

the moving train, resulting in the

gers died and 65 others were injured, 21 of them grievously. What is disquieting about the two accidents is that they occurred on the two arterial routes on the broad gauge and metre gauge sections of the North-East Frontier Railway, on which depend the movement of essential commodities to the entire north-east region.

Railway Minister George Fer-nandes told the Lok Sabha yesterday that it was quite clear that there was a "diabolical design" to destabilish the entire regioo when it is realised that on the same night, the vital road bridge across the River Manas on the national highway, not far from one of the rail accident sites, was also blown up. This has disrupted road communication to the north-east. "The situation is indeed very grim" Fernandes

Track patrolling has been intensified in the region with the help of the Assam Rifles, a paramilitary force. Motor trollies have been provided to facilitate the movement of police officials for surprise checks and general supervision. Pilot engines with police escorts will run oo the sen-sitive sections early morning every day, Fernandes said.

For the present, running of passenger trains through the disturbed area is being restricted to daylight hours only.

Io Delhi, the blast in a bus comes close on the heels of two explosions io police stations and Home Minister Mufti Mohammed Sayeed has said the devices used in all three cases appeared to be similar. Six people died in the blast and 51 others were injured. A general alert has been souoded throughout'Delhi and a special surveillance is being maintained at public places.

At a meeting with directors general of police of all the states here Monday, Sayeed said the government was evolving a multi-level response to meet the challenges thrown up by secessionists and extremists.

Io the Lok Sabha, Sayced claimed the cootinuous curfew for several days io Srioagar and elsewhere in the Kashmir Valley had enabled the administration to cooduct house-to-house searches and flush out many hardcore militants. Any relaxation in curfew would help the militants to move from one place to aoother, he said. The Musti claimed a breakthrough in Kashmir in the drive against terrorists and said there would be no let up in the efforts to track down more

Father's revenge

# Knifed for puff offer

NAPLES, April 17, (Reuter): A Naples neighbourhood Mafia boss whose 10-year-old son was given a rigarette ordered a revenge knifing against the boy who offered it, police

Luigi Ippoliti, 13, was knifed in the back by two youths after he gave the boss's son a pull of his eigarette last

"Don't you know that smoking is bad for you? Ippolitisaid the youths told him just before wielding their

The gravity of the situation can be ganged by the fact that there has been a spate of such incidents in recent days - in two police stations in the capital, in a crowded bus in Delhi, in a suburban train in Bombay and in a bus in Pune. Militant groups in Kashmir have claimed responsibility for some of them but their involvement has yet to be confirmed. Add to this the stepped up violence in Punjab and Assan and the government's hands are full.

In the north-east, there were two train accidents caused by bomb blasts oo April 12, involving the Dooars Express and the Avadh-Assam



#### Food poisoning toll 150

At least 150 people died from food poisoning at a celebration in northern India, a news agancy reported yesterday. Hundreds of people were hospitalised after a feast to celebrate a marriage engagement on Sunday in Ralpura Jung'a near Lucknow, capital of the Ultar Pradesh state. At least 80 people pronounced dead on Monday and 70 died yesterday, Press Trust of India reported.

Hospital spokesmen said a specific death toll could not be established because victims were taken to several

hospitals. One government health official said he exper ted more deaths. ; ted more deaths.

According to a preliminary investigation, a poisoner phosphorous compound apparently contaminated for used for making puri, a tried bread, and caused fe

eaths. Pictura shows relatives try to comfort a facty whose we children died from food poisoning in Guiarat, (Reula

### 87 reported killed

NEW DELHI, April 17, (AP): A leaking gas cylinder exploded in a moving passenger train yesterday in eastern India, sparking a raging fire that killed at least 37 people and wounded 65, according to authorities and news reports.

Local reporters said 100 people died in the blaze, while United News of India quoted local officials as saying at least 87 people

The train was passing through Kumrahar near Patna, the capital of Bihar state. Patna is 800 kms (500 miles) southeast of

Firefighters extinguished the blaze, which broke out at 9:30 a.m. (0400 GMT) and swept through two cars of the 16-car train, a local official reported. "The heat was so intense no one dared to enter the train for at least a half-hour after the fire," said district magistrate S.K. Sharma, the top civil administrator in the Patna

#### wirpehoto): | Gunmen kill 3 in Karachi

KARACHI, Pakistan, April 17 (Reuter): Gunmen killed three pople including two policemen, raising to 25 the number who have the in Karachi violence in 11 days police

Head constable Shahbaz Khan's bullet-riddled body was found in Karachi west and constable May sood Qureshi was found shot in the central area of the city yesterday...

Police had no motive for the officers' deaths, but said a shopk-ceper was killed when he intervened m a quarrel.

Two bombs exploded in the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawaipindi this morning but there was no human

## **Dutch scientist makes Aids breakthrough**

AMSTERDAM, April 16, (Reuter): A dutch scientist says his research team has made "dramatic" progress in laboratory tests on blocking the Aids virus from reproducing in the body of an infected person.

Jaap Goudsmit, professor of virology at the Amsterdam Academic Medical Centre, stuck to bis claim of a breakthrough, despite sceptical local reaction after national news-papers carried headlines like "Netherlands experts dis-cover Aids medicine" and "new control for Aids."

"I think we have advanced dramatically," he said.
"That doesn't change. It's just that int he Dutch press

It's the design. The design, maybe, for future drugs," he told Reuters on Sunday evening by telephone from his

Goudsmit and organic chemistry professor Henk Buck of Eindhoven University said last Thursday that they had discovered in test-tube trials a way of using modified DNA (the genetic material in cells) to prevent the HIV virus from reproducing and spreading through the human body.

The announcement came on the eve of publication of their findings in the US joiurnal science.



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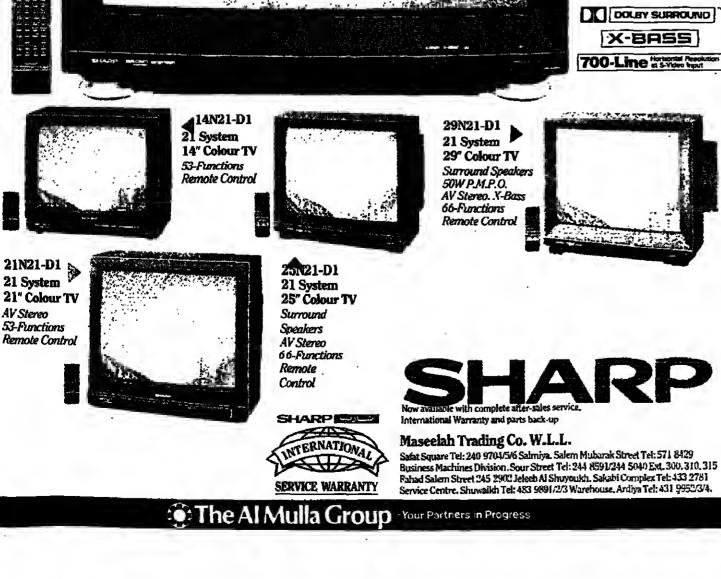
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#### Garbo to be cremated

Secrecy surrounded funeral arrangements yesterday for Greta Garbo, just the way it surrounded her in lifa. But Swedish diplomatic sources in Washington said they believe her remains

would be flown home to her native Swaden.

A spokesman for the New York City medical examiner said Garbo's relatives had sought and received permission to have har body cremated.

But details of the funeral arrangements and the cremation remained secret,

befitting a woman who spent the last decades of her life shunning all publicity and living as anonymously as she could in New York, a city that prides itself on minding its own business. SAS, the Scandinavian airline, said if knew of no arrangaments to fly her ramains home but a spokesman said tha arrangements could be made privately

Garbo died on Sunday at New York hospital at age 84. The hospital decimed to give a cause of death but confirmed that she had been under treatment for

Picture abova shows a Garbo Ian, John Wallowifch carrying a portrait of the late actress, sitting outside her apartment on April 16. (Reuter wrephoto)

#### PEOPLE AND PLACES

recognition through the

achievements of her husband, which contradicts what we have been

taught over our years at Wellesley,"

accepted an invitation to speak at Commencement June 1 at the 2.200-

CHEYENNE, Wyoming: A deteriorated revolver has been uncarthed by construction crews tearing up the main street through

Cheyenne's historie downtown, raising hopes that a bit of the old US Wild West has turned up.

Experts at the state museum

refuse to speculate the exact age of the corroded pistol until a study is completed. But judgiog from the location in which it ws found, it

eould be more than a century old.
"I wouldo't want to imagine for a

minute that it was the result of an old gunfight oo main street. But all things are possible," said Steve

yoming state museum.
The revolver was uncovered

found on a lower level is older. Cotherman said. (AP)

Friday at a level lower than huried streetear tracks, which were huilt in the 1890s. Normally, an object

WOODWARD, Oklahoma: A wayward out from a candy bar may someday bear fruit for Lorene

Arnold.

The almond tree in her back yard

She recalled that she first noticed

a weed growing in a planter hy the froot door about five years ago. When she pulled it, she discovered

an almond-like seed attached to the

roots.
"It kind of shocked me." she said.
"I poked my finger down in the hole and replanted it to see what it would

She said their grandson, Rocky Arnold, then 9, heard his

grandparents discussing the 'and confessed. (AP)

apparently began as a out in her grandson's candy bar, she said.

Cotherman, manager of the

student women's college.

Laura Stavis, a Wellesley
spokeswoman, defended the

said a petitioo signed by 150 students and presented to college

president Naneri Keohane. Anna Perez, a spokeswoman for Sunday the First Lady had no comment on the petition. Mrs Bush

RANCHO MIRAGE, California: A painting by Frank Sinatra sold for \$17,000 at a celebrity art auction to benefit a treatment centre founded by the singer's wife for sexually abused children.

The abstract floral painting was bought Saturday by Boh Rossi, an executive with Toys R Us, a toy operation, said Susan Reynolds, a spokeswoman for Sinatra.

More than \$140,000 was raised for the Barbara Sinatra Children's Centre at Eisenhower Medical Centre. Mrs Sinatra founded the children's centre four years ago.

'Celebrities attending the event at Sinatras, Gregory Peck, Roger Moore, Don Rickles and Betty Ford. (AP)

BISMARCK, North Dakota: Two hospital orderlies are hiriog themselves out as dates for high school girls without partners oo

prom night.
The two Medcenter One hospital workers are asking \$100 a date. For the price, Yancy or Mike will cent a tuxedo, pick up the girl, meet her parents, present her with a corsage, take her to dinner and go to the

dance.
"We're not looking for a profit," said 21-year-old Mike. He and Yancy spoke to the Bismarck
Tribune on condition that their last names not be used to save a girl's friends from fieding out she is with a rent-a-date,
"It seems like all the high school

guys want to ask out the same beautiful girl," said Yancy, 19. Yancy said he attended four proms during his high school days and Mike three. They both said they

knew how to show a girl a good time.
"We'll treat the girls nice, just like
if we asked them out ourselves."

Yancy, a pre-oursing student, says his parents think the idea is great. Even his girlfriend has endorsed it. (AP)

WELLESLEY, Massachusetts: Students at Wellesley college are protesting the selection of Barbara Bush as their Commencement speaker, saying the First Lady has not earned the honour on her owo. To honour Barbara Bush as a Commencement speaker is to honour a woman who has gained

Mission to Mars too risky

### Joint exploration should continue, say experts

WASHINGTON, April 17, (AP): Joint missions to Mars hy the United States and the Soviet Union are too risky now, but independent coordinated exploration should continue, a panel said yesterday.
"The United States and USSR

have no prior experience with the degree of co-operation occessary to carry out a technical project of this complexity or magnitude," said a committee of the National Research Council. The committee said it was conceroed "about relying on the consis-tency of the relationship over a

period of a decade or more into the With its report, the panel chilled the iden frequently expressed hy many experts that Mars would be explored jointly by the Soviets and Americans, thus doing together what

would be too expensive for either

nau oo to do alone.

The US and the Soviets have cooperated in space in the past, most notably in 1975 when three astronauts aboard an Apollo spacecraft joined their ship with a Soviet Soyuz and exchanged bear hugs in orbit with its two cosmonauts.

The NRC committee was asked by Nasa to look into undertaking missions with international partners to gainer rocks and soil from Mars, using robots, and returning them to earth for analysis. The committee concentrated its study on efforts by the US and USSR because they are on the lead role in a Mars

The Soviets have said they intend to explore Mars with robotic rovers, space probes orbiting overhead and hy returned samples. A scenario often menuoced is that one cation would build a lander and a sample

develop a roving vehicle for collecting samples and analysing them.

Detailed Mars investigations

would include robotic missions at four to six selected sites over a number of years. The committee said its recommended approach "would allow a graceful path to increasingly close levels of co-operation."

The committee said it considered three levels of US participation with the Soviets in a Mars venture, reaching these conclusions: In the case of each country conduc-

ting programmes independently, the panel concluded that the cost would be too high, the returns would be less thao maximum, US techoology would beoefit greatly and there would be no additional risk of transferring technology to the Soviets.

In addition, the committee said it would make no contribution to US-Soviet experience in technical and

ignite a space competition similar to the race to the moon.

If both nations were to undertake separate responsibilities on a joint project, it "would have a greater, presumably positive impact on US-Soviet relations than would options involving lesser degrees of interac-tions and reliance," the committee

nations to share costs while increas-ing returns and take advantage of the best of both nations' space programmes, such as the Soviets' lead in heavy-left launch capability. Although there is a danger that the

Such a venture would allow the

co-operation could "deteriorate into a race for Mars," the committee said, if the schedule is planned and paced properly, the competition might even be helpful.

The report also urged the United States to 're-establish its leadership

some aspects of space science

### Raises fears

Bronx, including three by a suspected serial killer, have terrorized hundreds of drivers who are sacrificing profits for daytime driving. The latest killing on Saturday and another three days earlier were

dismissed by police as unrelated to the first three, but they heightened fears in an area where cah drivers have not felt safe for decades. Officer James Terretta, assisting a special task force of about 30 police officers assigned to investigate the homicides, said police do not have a suspect yet in any of the killings but are receiving tips from the public.

Mayor David Dinkins has offered a \$10,000 reward for information eading to the killer or killers of the drivers. The terror spree began oo March 7 with the death of Acton Jones, 37, in the Wakefield section. On March 14, Eliot Whitaker, 43, was killed in Williamsbridge, and oo April 9, Paul Burghard, 25, died in the Eastche-

In each of the shootings, a man phoned a car service requesting a cah and then killed the drivers with a shot to the head from 22-calibre gun

and robbed them Last Wednesday, unlicensed taxi driver Dennis Forbes, 41, was shot in

the head and killed in Tremon section before he had a chance to use a .25-caliber handgun police said he kept on the seat next to him. Late Saturday, Rafael Montes de Oca, 38, of the Seaman Car Service was shot in the head and killed io the Fordham section after he went to

pick up a regular customer. first three are connected and last two are oot," said officer Ralph Sr. Just, a police spokesman.

#### Orient Express to make historic London-Istanbul train journey in May

NEW YORK, April 17, (UPI): Goodwood Travel said yesterday it will resume next month for one journey only the famous London to Istanbul railroad service aboard Europe's historie train, the

Orient Express. "For more than a hundred years the Orient Express has symbolized the ultimate in luxury train travel," said Goodwood Travel, a tour operator based in Canterbury, Britain. "It was made famous by its illustrious elientelle, which included members of European royalty, diplomats, notorious spies and femmes fatales, immortalised by the film industry."

The Orient Express, Europe's most famous railroad service started in the lale 19th century, was discontinued after World War II, financially unable to withstand the competition from airlines and faster and cheaper trains.

esumably wealthy travellers will be able to board the Orient Express' original pullman cars at London's Victoria station May 30 for an Islanbulbound journey of four days and five nights.

The Pullman cars, which belonged to France's

Goodwood Travel said 100 fortunate and

Compagnie des Wagons-Lits, were discarded after

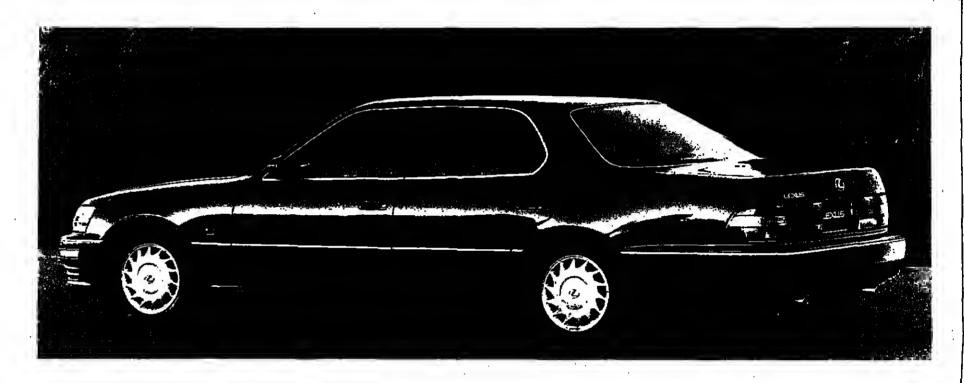
the service was discontinued. The cars were saved from destruction and restored by two investors, Albert Glatt and James Sherwood, and are now used for leisure trips on the Nostalgie Istanbul Orient-Express and the Venice Simplon Orient-

The "Stamboul Train" will take travellers across the English Channel to France, and continue through West Germany, Austria, Hungary,

Yugoslavia and Bulgaria to Istanbul.

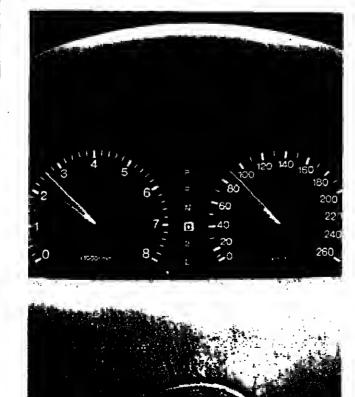
"In keeping with the occasion, there will be welcome receptions, gala dinners and banquets in palaces, a private performance of the famous Vienna Boys' Cboir, sightseeing and the ultimate VIP service throughout," the tour operator said. Stops are scheduled in Salzburg, Austria, the Hungarian capital of Budapest and Sofia, Bulgaria.

Among the scheduled extravaganzas are a band and red-carpet farewell in London, fireworks along the road, a pianist playing famed tunes of the 1920s aboard the train, visits to historic places in horsedrawn carriages, a cruise down the Danube river, as well as dancing and champagne in the bar salou, restored to its original panelled splendour."



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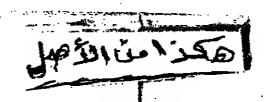
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# **Boatlift** brought chaos to Miami

MIAMI, April 17, (AP); When reporter Maria Montoya first visited Key West, Florida, it was just after midnight on May 1. 1980 and the boatlift of refugees from Mariel, Cuha, was in full swing.

But Montoya was on the other side of the cameras.

A US Coast Guard ship had rescued her, her husband Eduardo. and 10 other people crowded into a disabled 18-foot (6-metre) boat adrift in the Gulf stream after completing most of the 90-mile (150kilometre) journey from Cuba.

The boatlift was 10 days old, and Montoya and her husband got a warm reception. They were cheered as they stepped onto US territory, and welcomed by US soldiers and volunteer workers who gave them food and clothing.
One sight seemed strange.

though.
"I saw 300 men, their heads almost shaved, sitting on the dock," she said, "I asked, 'why are those men sitting apart? Someone told me, "those are the criminals and the mental patients Castro is

sending us. The boatlift then was being hailed as "the freedom flotilla," an embarrassment to Fidel Castro's rule and a chance, as then-US president Jimmy Carter said, to welcome "with open arms" those

fleeing oppression.

But before it ended five months later, when Castro closed the port of Mariel, it had become a disaster. costing hundreds of millions of dollars, stirring murderous crime waves and escalating prejudices. Misfits

"The whole Mariel boatlift struck very deep, nasty chords in the American public," said Frank Sharry, executive director of the immigration policy group, the

national forum. "Manieli10" became a derisive label meaning misfits, crazies, hard-core criminals.

"But you know what? most of them did just fine." Sharry said. Ms Montoya. now 33, who risked a comfortable life as a Cuban radio and TV actress, is among dozens of marielitos who have achieved success in the United States. They have made their mark in television, husiness. education and sports, and several boatlift children have become hon-

our students. Nonetheless, the stigma

Even after the initial crime waves blamed on Mariel refugees subsided, their image was furthered by such cases as the 1984 slaving of a Miami beach police officer: 1987 riots and hostage-taking by the fire that claimed 87 lives last month as a New York City social club, in which a Mariel refugee is

#### Hesitates

Unlike many of the refugees. Montova, who recently returned to Key West to film a report for Spanish-language television on the boatlift's 10th anniversary, never hesitates to tell her story.

"Bad people came, and a lot of good people came," she said. "I held hack a lot, when people were talking about how had the Mariel people were. People would say to me, 'Oh, you don't look like a Mariel person.' That bothered me. There was a stereotype, and I am an individual." Nearly a month hefore her

arrival. Montoya and her husband had dashed into the Peruvian emhassy in Havana, joining a confused and desperate throng that finally totalled 10,800 people. "I think Castro never expected

that many people wanted to leave. When he saw that, he wanted to spoil their image." Montoya said. US Sen. Bob Graham, then the governor of Florida, recalls atten-ding a Washington luncheon in April 1980 and being told by State Department officials of the

embassy incident. Within weeks, a distant foreign policy question became a crisis for Florida as Castro ahruptly announced the opening of the port at Mariel, Cuba.

A rag-tag armada of boats char-tered by Cuhan-Americans anxious to pick up relatives set sail and returned with some surprising

Along with parents, aunts and uncles, friends and former political prisoners, the boats brought passengers picked by the Cuhan

government. Castro and the state-controlled media crowed that the United

States was getting "the hums and scum.

"We don't want them." Castro told a cheering Havana crowd. "We don't need them."

By throwing in Cuhan miscreants. Castro portrayed the

boatlift as a sweeping out of his society. Unleashed on American society from Spartan Cuban Gulags, the

boatlift's criminal element spurred street crime explosions in Miami's little Havana and among the elderly of Miami heach, then spread into other US cities.

Their crimes were the worst of many problems.

"It had a human impact hy adding 125,000 people to the population," reflected Graham. "It contributed to a tense community situation."



# We're facing risk: Ortega

### Contras could derail inauguration plans

MANAGUA, April 17, (AP): President Daniel Ortega said the rebels' refusal to demohilise could derail next week's inauguration of Violeta

"We are facing a real risk that we may get to April 25 and the peaceful transition of power that we all have sought will not take place," Ortega

Ortega, a leader of the Sandinista National Liberation Front, was defeated by Chamorro in presidential elections last February. He has reneatedly said the reluctance of the rebels, known as Contras, to lay

The rebels also want to see the

Sandinista relinquish control of the nation's army, called the San-

dinista People's Army, which is headed by Ortega's brother, Gen. Humberto Ortega. The rehel demand that the

Sandinista Army be dismantled

were not addressed in the accord

with UNO. But the agreement

did bar military officers from

belonging to political parties.

And Chamorro said last week

Ihat Defence Minister Humberto

Ortega would not be allowed to

continue serving after she takes

Although the ferocity of

Nicaragua's war has dwindled

since the mid-1980s, there have

been scattered clashes between

Sandinista troops and the rebels, who in recent weeks reportedly

vacated their base camps in

neighbouring Honduras and

"Blood continues to flow and

the Contras have not disap-

peared." Ortega lold a group of

visiting Protestant Evangelists

yesterday. "We have to pray to

Nicaraguan Indians who fought

alongside the Contras turned

their weapons over to inter-

national peacekeepers in Hon-

duras, another 1,000 fighters are

scheduled to disarm tomorrow.

The members of Yatama, an

organisation of Miskito, Suma

and Rama Indians from

Nicaragua's Caribbean coast. surrendered their weapons to

Gen. Agustin Quesada Gomez,

the Spanish commander of a

United Nations Peacekeeping

Force, in the town of Sirsitara,

ahout 40 miles (64 kilometres)

Forty Venezuelan soldiers in

the UN force set about smashing

the rehel weapons, mainly Soviet-designed AK-47 assault

"It is a sad day for us, hut the

decision has been taken," the Yamata chief, Serafino Bencie.

told reporters as his men surren-

from the Nicaraguan border.

Meanwhile, ahout 260

returned to Nicaragua.

God for peace.

down their US-supplied arms could be an obstacle to a smooth transition of government on April 25.

Representatives of the rebels signed an accord last month with members of Chamorro's US-backed opposition coalition — the United National Opposition — in which they promised to disarm.

But many rebels in the field, and their combat-hardened commander, Israel Galeano, have said they do not trust the Sandinistas and have vowed to continue fighting until there is true democracy in Nicaragua.

#### 'Time is wasting': US officials

# \$800m Centam aid plea



A Contra rebel keeps an eye out for Sandinista Iroopa naar La Esperanza, some 120 miles northeast of Managua April 11 (Reuter wrephoto)

WASHINGTON, April 17, (AP): The United States is pressuring Congress to enact an \$800-million aid package for Central America, calling further delay an affront to allies in the region.

Administration officials say that stalling the aid package beyond the April 25 inauguration of US hacked Nicaraguan President-elect Violeta Chamorro would be a foreign policy emhartass-

It also would be a burden on the government of Honduras, a longtime US ally, the officials say, Many of the rebels, known as Contras, the United States hopes to resettle remain in camps in Hon-

President George Bush is meeting today with Honduran President Rafael L. Callejas to discuss the Contra resettlement problem and other Central American issues. Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega, who lost to

Mrs Chamorro in the recent elections, yesterday complained of continued attacks hy Contra rebels. Ortega's Sandinista government has said the Contras must demohilise before Chamorro's inauguration, and Chamorro joined the call for dishandment.
Also on the agenda at the Bush-Callejas meeting

was the status of efforts by the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the United States and Japan to help Honduras ease its large inter-

Addressing a White House audience on Latin American issues yesterday Bush said Congress which returns from a recess tomorrow --- was wrong not to provide the funds before the hreak.

# Cartel denounces leader

#### Escobar's position may be in danger

BOGOTA, April 17, (AP): The Medellin drug cartel has dis-avowed alleged leader Pahlo Escobar for insisting on bloody attacks against the government and fellow cocaine traffickers. said a communique purportedly sent by the organisation. The communique's authen-

dered their arms. ticity could not be confirmed. Every rifle will be cut in three The country's larges newsand hlown up with explosives," paper, El Tiempo, suggested the Quesada Gomez said. document might he a hoax because the lettering and format

A hrush fire started hy farwere different from previous carmers to clear their land set off tel communiques. explosions yesterday at nearby The document, sent hy facair force hase ammunition simile late Sunday to local media. dump, wrecking one military cargo plane and damaging said that Escohar no longer another, police said in Managua. represented the cartel. The traffickers denounced the reputed Police chief Rene Vivas Vivas drug baron for his use of indis-

said a gust of wind spread the fire criminate violence. to the base adjoining Managua The communique was signed International Airport and the hy the Extraditables, a name hlasts destroyed a Soviet-made used hy cartel leaders to refer to AN-26 cargo plane.

the government's plan to extradite them to the United States for trial.

The administration of President Virgilio Barco allowed extradition last August. Since then the cartel has used a comhination of terrorism and offers of peace to try to convince the governemnt to ahandon the policy. A communique sent last week

hy the Extraditables said that the cartel was planning more terrorist attacks in retaliation for the alleged killings and torture of traffickers by police.

The government has denied the cartel's charges against the force.

Previous unconfirmed reports had also indicated a split in the cartel's ranks.

More than 200 people were killed by the traffickers before they declared a unilateral truce in January. Last month a communique signed by the Extraditables said they were renewing the terrorist campaign because the governemnt had refused to negotiate with traffickers.

How to deal with Colombia's violent and powerful drug lords is certain to be the most hotlydebated issue in campaigning for May 27 presidential elections, which begins in earnest this

The drug-traffickers' bloody trail of hombings and murders has had a strong impact on the campaign, which will largely be fought on television screens where the candidates are safe from assassins' guns.

Two candidates have already been shot dead hy assassins believed to be in the pay of the

# European ire at US attitude

# Greenhouse effect meet

WASHINGTON, April 17, (Agencies): The White House conference on global climate change legan pia-discordant note yesterday as European delegates accused the Bush administration of trying to adjudiscussion of possible international action to reduce "greenhouse" emissions.

The conference opened last night with a reception for delegales at the National Air and Space Museus and President Bush was scheduled to make welcoming remarks to delegates from 17 countries this month. However, Dutch delegates jumped the gun with a news conference where they expressed in taken with a administration's "one-way traffic conference."

The Dutch charged the White House had tailored the agenda to fit the administration's position that more scientific research is needed before the international community can agree on economically costly steps to reduce industrial carbon dioxide emissions linked to global warming.

"We were quite surprised with the agenda," said Pier Vellinga, director of the Netherland's national climate programme. We now see the United States is organising this conference to stress the difficulties in economics of reducing carbon dioxide emissions and stating not enough research is done.

#### Letters

We are not very happy about this conference focusing on research," he said. "We should jointly discuss policy implica-

"It is not a cost-benefit issue. It is an issue of political will. We are a little bit worried ahout this conference, that it is not focusing on political will but on economic agenda," he said.

Vellinga said his country and others wrote letters to the White House asking to change the agenda to include public discus-sion of possible international action to freeze or reduce carbon dioxide emissions from the burning of oil, coal and other fossil fuels.

"We have had no reply," he said, "we do now see that it's a kind of one-way traffic conference.

Vellinga said other European delegates shared his country's concerns about the conference, hut that it was too late to change the agenda.
"I think we'll just settle for this

conference and try to reduce the damage," he said.

Vellinga also said the Europeans were "annoyed" that the Bush administration had given European officials virtually no opportunity to make public remarks at the conference sessions that were open to the

#### Annoyed

He said only one foreign delegate, a Polish official, was scheduled to speak at open sessions and that other European officials would have to content themselves with remarks at closed workshops.

"There is no opportunity for senior politicians to speak," Vellinga said. "This we find a bit

"We think (global warming) is very much a thing that deals with the general public and with politics," he said. "It's not very helpfulif a head of delegation can only make comments in a closed workshop.

Vellinga also disputed remarks last week hy Allen Bromley, chief science adviser to President Bush, that there still were too many scientific and economic uncertainties to warrant international action to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

In view of those data gaps, Bromley said the administration would use the conference to call for expanded international research on global warming.

#### Uncertain

Vellinga said US officials had greatly exaggerated the scientific uncertainties of global warming as well as the economic costs of reducing carbon dioxide emis-

"You can reduce carbon dioxide and still have a prosperous economy like we have now," he said. "It's just a matter of restructuring your economy so you are less wasteful of energy.



#### Obscenity trial

The Contemporary Arts Centre in Cincinnati and its director ordered on Mo to stand trial on obscenity charges for exhibiting works by the late homose photographer Robert Mapplethorpe:

Lawyers for the Cincinnati museum and its director, Dennis Barrie, entere not-guilty pleas to the therees in an appearance before a state count asserting mem commissioner. A trial was set for April 30.

The works of Mapplethorpe, who died of Aids in March, 1969, here died embroiled in controversy because they include photographs with homospic.

themes, as well as pictures of nude children.

The show had been scheduled to open last summer at the Corcoran gateryin Washington but was cancelled after it came under attack by members of Congress, most notably conservative Senator Jesse Helms, Republican of North

Carolina.

The show, titled "Robert Mapplethorpe: The Perfect Moment," has been exhibited without controversy in Chicago and other cities. It was arranged by the

Institute of Contemporary Art of the University of Pennsylvania. In the picture, Lisa Stagman (right) of Voice against Consorship in Catomost chants with protestors. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Talk to plants

# US gardener urges

NEW YORK, April 17. (Reuter): Former policeman Jerry Baker says he has better things to do with beer than drink it he feeds

Baker, who was in town earlier this month promoting his 41st book, "Jerry Baker's Flowering Garden," offered the following menu for all garden plants: One cup of beer, one cup of children's shampoo, ammonia, corn syrup, and 80 litres (17 gallons) of

You spray that on them and the plant will chase you back to the house and ask you when the next party is," he said.
"Plants are like people," said the best-selling author. If it's good enough for you, it's good enough for them."...

Baker is full of such tips and at a recent lunch he rattled them: off in the mile-a-minute style that has made his nationally syndicated gardening radio show a success and brings him continued offers to host a national television show on gardening.

"I use the kiss method," he boasted. "Keep it simple, stupid."

There are plenty of magic notions, potions, and lotions, but the best gardening method is common sense, he said Baker said he is impervious to TV offers, preferring to concentrate on is call-in radio show, his twice-a-year gardening pieces for Sports Illustrated, and his self-produced monthly newsletter with a circulation of more than 100,000.

His books ave such titles as "The Impatient Gardener," Talk to Your Plants" nad "Jerry Baker's Fast Easy Vegetable Gar-Baker said his charmed garden life is all a hoe's throw from his

former career as an undercover narcotics and vice cop in Detroit; where his cover more often than not was as a gardener. He was known in Detroit's garden district by the green derby

he wore. "I planted more hugs in the '50s than most people would think of killing," he said. Baker gave up his police joh after a prostitute recognised him

on the street from a local gardening show he had done Now, the man who says he learned all the gardening he knows from his American Indian grandmother, attends conventions

and gardening shows for ten months a year.

He said his material is so successful that a comedian at a New

York nightcluh once asked if he could borrow some of his jokes.

Baker said that his quick success led to a partial hreakdown it. 1983 when he collapsed from exhaustion and alcoholism. At 59.

he sstill a workaholic who sleeps only three hours a night, but lie no longer drinks and said he tries to eat properly.
In July and August, his only months off, Baker tinkers with his own garden in Troy, Michigan.

# Blaze blackens California forest

VENTURA. California, April 17. (AP): Light rain helped firefighters battling a 600-acre (242-hectare) blaze yesterday in the Los Padres National Forest that apparently was started by an abandoned campfire,

authorities said. Firefighters had contained 85 per cent of the blaze, said Earl Clayton of the US Forest Service. They expected to have it fully controlled by this

evening he added.

No buildings were damaged.
About 280 firelighters were on the fire line yesterday in the area 25 miles (40 kilometres) northeast of Ventura-

The blaze broke out Friday in 4.000-foot (1.219-metre) terrain so-steep that hulldozers and engines couldn't be used. Crews were ferred in hy helicopter.

# Llosa affirms presidential candidacy Fujimori taken ill, unable to announce platform



Llosa waves to supporters

LIMA. April 17. (Reuter): Novelist Mario Vargas Llosa said yesterday he would contest the final round of Peru's presidential election, ending speculation that he would quit in the face of mounting support for his opponent Alberto Fujimori

'I will go to the second round struggling for the reforms our country needs," Vargas Llosa, a centre-rightist, said in a statement. The local press had reported that Vargas Llosa

was despondent and thinking of dropping out after Fujimori surprised the nation by coming within four percentage points of beating Vargas Llosa in the first round on April 8. Support for Fujimori is spreading and most political analysts say the son of Japanese immigrants is the favourite to win the final round of

elections on May 27 or June 3. But as Vargas Llosa lifted the doubts about his candidacy. Fujimori abruptly cancelled a press

conference called to announce his political plat-

His wife, Susana, told the journalists her husband had become siek after eating a contaminated codfish, causing acne to break out over his face. "My hushand will not be able to anend...hc is suffering from sever food intoxication," she said.

There was no suggestion, however, that the illness would affect Fujimori's candidature. Fujimori, a mild-mannered former university rector, had been scheduled to announce his longawaited electoral platform at the news conference. Though he was the only one of nine candidates in the first round of elections who did not issue a

political platform, Fujimori has defined himself as a pro-husiness centrist. Vargas Llosa said he had been ready to quit his candidacy to spare Peru the difficulties and delays of a second round in this moment of grave national

But he said he would stay in the race so as not to

"defraud the millions of compatriots who voted for us" and because the constitution required it. He declined to speak to reporters after issuing the Whoever wins the presidency will lead a country

drained by leftist guerrilla violence in which over 17,000 people have died and by inflation of 30 per

Lestist leaders have supported Fujimori as a way of blocking Vargas Llosa from reaching power. saying his plans to slash inflation and put the government's finances in order would throw millions of Peruvians out of work.

His withdrawal could have sparked a serious constitutional crisis, political analysts said, with experts divided on whether it would be legal for him to step down after winning the first round.

# Passengers abandoned Intensify struggle

Star captain left blazing ferry while others awaited rescue

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, April 17, (AP) The chief officer of the Scandinavian Star admitted to a marine inquiry yesterday he and other officers abandoned the hiazing ferry while passengers awaited rescue

Police in Oslo, Norway, estimated the number of dead in the April 7 fire at 161, but said the ligure was not final because it was uncertain how many passengers boarded the ferry The Danish-owned vessel was on an overnight run from Oslo to Frederikshavn, Den-

Chief ufficer Oddvar Finstad, the third-incommand, said he and the Norwegiun master of the Scandinavian Star, Capt. Hugo Larsen. and other officers left the burning vessel in a lifehoat, knowing that a group of passengers

remained in the bow deck.

The fate of the ahandoned passengers,

some of whom were rescued later, was not discussed as they towed away in the last usable lifeboat, Finstad said.

"I can't see what more I could have done in board after the captain left the slup," he said. Larsen and other officers returned three hours later to help Swedish and Nurwegian

Finstad's testimony on the sixth day of the inquiry into the disaster supported accounts by rescued passengers that the crew appeared confused and ill-trained to deal with an emer-

Under close questioning. Finstad acknowledged that he knew practically nothing about the ship's emergency plan or evacua-

The officer said he was unaware of his assignment in the posted emergency plan as head of the emergency plan as head of the ship's 14-man fire squad and was unable to identify the other squad members.
The inquiry established that the required

fire and evacuation drills were not held. Finstaid appeared ut a loss to answer ques-

tions about why the safety procedure, were not cheeked before the 20-year old ferry was allowed to sail with passengers.

Most of the predominantly Portuguese and Filiping crew had signed on the Scandinavian Star only five days before the fatal fire, which police believe was set.

The ship's safety officer, list officer Sverre Aushildrods, testified that he knew nothing about the international Solas safety regulations that require fire drills when more than 25 per cent of the crew is new.

# against apartheid

Mandela urges London concert audience

through the crisp night.

times by cheers and applause.

LONIXON, April 17, (APt. Nelson Mandela, bathed in wave afterwave of cheers from 72,000 ecstatic admirers at a televised rock concert, urged a world-wide audience to intensify pressure on the South African government to end apartheid

Chants of "Nelson, Nelson, Nelson" punctuated nearly seven minutes of deafening cheers last night when Mandela strode triumphantly onto the Wembley stadium stage near the end of a five-hour concert and raised his arm in the famous elenched-fish salue of the African National Congress.

We must, however, remember that only a few have been released, said Mandela, who was freed from 27 years of cap-tivity in South African jails on Feb 11.

"A greater number remains in prison. We should therefore treat his day of celebration as one of rededication to the continuation and intensification of the struggle for the emancipation of all the remaining political prisoners ... and the system which keeps the outstanding sons and daughters of our people in iail."

He implored the world to keep up the struggleagainst the system of racial segregation in white-led South Africa, in which five million whites deny voting rights and equal social services to the 28 million blacks, three million mixed-race citizens, and 850,000 Asians and Indians.

Crime "The apartheid crime against humanity remains in place. It continues to kill and maim. It continues to oppress and exploit. Its bloodstained offspring con-tinue to rain death and destruction on the peoples of Mozam-bique and Angola. Every day it produces orphans throughout Southern Africa, "Mandela said.

Therefore, do not listen to anyone who says that you must give up the struggle against apartheid. Reject any suggestion than the campaign to isolate the apartheid system should be wound

Before Mandela's speech, an international lineup of rock and jazz musicians performed more than four hours of political pop befure the crowd in the stadium and millions of television viewers in 40 countries.

The British Reggae band Aswad opened with "Mandela's back in town," followed by Patti Labelle's "Oh People," the Neville Brothers "My Blood," Neil Young's "Keep on Rockin' in the Free World," Jackson Browne and Johnny Clegg harmonizing in "one (hu)man one vote," and numbers by 1990 grummy-winner Bonnie Raitt, Natalie Cole, Anita Baker and a dozen others.

Tracy Chapman sang before Mandela's appearance and once again when he finished speaking, delivering a moving, solo version of "talkin' bout a revolution."

Mandela left London about 90 minutes after his appearance aboard an Ethiopian airlines flight to Addis Ababa. He had arrived on Sunday. Mandela urged in his speech

that sanctions be maintained and that Pretoria not be rewarded for the initial steps of releasing political prisoners or lifting the ban on the ANC. His comments were interpreted in the British media as veiled criticism of conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who has opposed sanctions.

There are some in the world who wish to support the South African government by giving rewards and carrots. But we, representing the overwhelming majority of the people of our country, turn to you for support, which we need more than ever before," Mandela said.

"The reward the people of South Africa, and the rest of the world seek is the end of apartheid and the transformation of our country into a non-racial democracy.

Mandela departed from his prepared text to praise Tambo. who is recuperating from a stroke in a Swedish clinic, and

express hope that he recover enough to continue leading the Earlier, Mandela told reporters at a news conference that he came to Britain to thank those

who had kept up pressure on South Africa for his release. And

in his speech, he lavished loving

Required experienced driver with valid Kuwait driving licence and transferable visa, for transporting goods in pick-ups.

# 33 more killed in black violence

JOHANNESBURG, April 17, (AP): At least 33 people were killed and dozens hurt in vicious black faction fighting over the Easter holiday, despite stepped up efforts by security forces, authorities said today.

The latest unrest came as President F.W. de Klerk was expected to make a major speech in Parliament today on further steps to dismantle apartheid. Conservative opposition groups said they would resist any attempt by the government to dismantle apartheid legislation.

Police said most of the fighting was in Natal province, where rival Zulu factions battled with guns and knives and set fire to bomes and cars in clashes over the four-day holiday weekend.

The fighting pits the African

National Congress-allied United Democratic Front against the eonservative Inkatha Movement. Both groups are anti-apartheid, but differ over plans for a future South Africa.

Police said a man and two women were taken from their home yesterday near Port Shep-stone in Natal and hacked to death by a mob that then burned

A soldier and a police officer were killed during the weekend after security forces attempted to intervene in clashes in Natal. police said. Three police officers were hurt yesterday when they were stoned by a mob.

The government moved military reinforcements into Natal to try to stop the factional fighting that has claimed bun-dreds of lives in the region in recent weeks. Military patrols blocked roads and guarded black townships hit by bloody fighting

Government officials, who declined to be named, said De Klerk would outline plans to dismantle major apartheid laws, including legislation allocating public amenities along racial

The government wanted to present steps on ending apartheid before the start of talks next month with the ANC. The two sides are to try to clear the way for full-scale negotiations on ending white-minority rule.

South African newspapers reported today that the government bopes to boost international support for South Africa and end or reduce economic sanctions.

De Klerk, who has promised to end white-minority rule and share political power with blacks, legalized the ANC and other black, opposition groups in February.

#### Malawi president arrives in Harare

HARARE, Apol 17, 1AP1: Malawi President Hastings Kamuzu Banda, on a rare foreign trip, arrived yesterday at the start of a seven day visit to Zimbubwe.

Banda's visit coincides with celebrations April 18 marking the tenth anniversary of independence

from Britain.
During his stay, the Malawian leader, believed aged in his 90's is expected to discuss peace initiatives in neighbouring Mozambique with President Robert Mugabe, a mediator in the 12-year civil war between the government and rebels of the Mozambique National Resis-



A sea of fists rose in response and cries of "Amandla" (power) rang

Mandela's wife, Winnie and Adelaide Tambo, wife of ANC

"We are meeting here to celebrate the victory represented by the

President Oliver Tambo, stood quietly on either side of Mandela as he spoke forcefully for nearly a half hour, his words interrupted about 30

Mandela raises his list as he walks on stage at Wembley Arena in London on



Stadium in London on Monday, (Reuter wirephoto)

### Angola peace formula

WASHINGTON, April 17, (Kuna): Though US-Soviet tensions persist on Lithuania, the superpowers yesterday seemed confident they can belp craft a peace formula for Angola parallelling one they agreed on for

The US and the USSR according to senior US officials, are pushing their respective clients to lay down arms and come to the bargaining table for direct talks. The US supports the Unita rebels Soviet-backed Marxist regime of Angolan President Jose Eduardo A US official familiar with the

under Jonas Savimbi against the

backdoor US-Soviet discussions indicated to the Washington Post they may be bearing fruit.

Speaking of bints both sides wanted to explore each other's intentions at possible talks in Lisbon, the official said.



# **Bids to** break -UK jail siege

MANCHESTER, England, April 17, (Reuter): Authorities are stepping up pressure to end Britain's longest prison revolt after an outbreak of food poisoning at Strangeways jail hit the hard core of mutineers still bold-

ing out. Jail officials said only seven prisoners remained inside the grim 19th century building in the northern city of Manchesier after three rebels surrendered yesterday, apparently suffering from the effects of imbibing contaminated food and water.
Officials said the handful of

bard men left late yesterday — 16th day of the siege — were existing in conditions of appailing squalor, eating food loog past its beet.

Prison Governor Brendan O'Freil said authorities would now make more use of high pressure water jets to spray rebels on the rooftop and keep up a barrage of noise from police sirens to break their will and end

the siege.
A doctor shouted a health warning to diehard rebels on the roof - but they responded by bombing warders with tiles.

They held up a board displaying a chalked message that read: We can re-assure you that everything is perfectly fine." Another message dismissed

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the authorities' health scare as "a propaganda stunt." Mary Stewart, vice-chairman of the prison's independent board of visitors, said the surren-

dering inmates had described "absolutely horrendous" cooditions in the jail, wrecked when the riot broke out on April 1. The three suffered from

shivering, dizziness and diaorrhoea and one bled from the mouth. They had been eating food from tins opened near the start of the siege, she said.

O'Friel told a news conference he feared the meneould be suffering from salmonella - a serious form of food poisoning.

OFreil said the authorities had decided at the weekend to switch tactics and step up pressure to end the siege after the failure of an expected mass surrender agreement last Friday. 'It was clear that for us just to

sit there and do nothing did not encourage negotiations, be said. O'Friel said, however, he was still committed to a peaceful and negotiated end to the siege, despite growing pressure from some politicians and newspapers to storm the building.

#### **Animals have** some rights

NEW YORK, April 17, (APr. Most Americans say it should be illegal to kill animals for fur coats or to use them for cosmeries research, accord-

ing to a poll released yesterday.

Eight in 10 respondents to the survey for Parents magazine said animals have some rights. Majorities disapproved of killing animals for sport or for making leather, but most did not favour outlawing those

The survey was conducted by telephone from Sept 22 to Oct 10 among a random sample of 1,004 Americans age 21 and older. It has a margin of error of plus or minus three percen-

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Africa

Third of NY hookers carry Aids: One out of three prostrutes in New York is carrying the Aids virus, according to results of a new study publi-

The results are preliminary, but if confirmed by formal review they would reflect one of the highest rates of Aids infection ever found among prosutates in the United States.

The nine-month study, by Dr Joyce Wallace, a Manhattan physician with a large acquired immune deficiency syndrome practice, tested some 950 street-walkers. (Reuter) Author Marquez suit dismissed: A Los Angeles federal judge dismissed a lawsuit Monday

against Nobel prize-winning author Gabriel Garcia Marquez, who was accused of violating a contract to make a movie from his novel, "Love in the Time of Cholera." US District Judge Manuel Real threw out the case after apparently finding the Colombian author had never entered an enforceable contract with producer

Richard Roth to make a movie based on the bestselling book, lawyers said.
On Dec 16, Roth sued Marquez and his literary agent in Spain, accusing them of interfering with the producer's contract to make the movie by demanding that a "Latin American director" bandle the project.

Pleads no contest in bomb case: A woman whose 1988 arrest on charges she tried to kill the head of a medical company gaivanised the animal rights movement pleaded no contest Monday in Stamford, Connecticut in exchange for a reduced

Fran Trutt, 33, was arrested in November 1988 after a remote-controlled pipe bomb was found near the parking space of Leon Hirsch, chairman of US Surgical Corp. in Norwalk.

Trutt had scutted another plea agreement, But on Mooday she pleaded no contest to uttempted murder, possession of explosives and bomb manufactur-

iog, said her attorney, John Williams. (AP) Exxon skipper appeals verdict: The disthat caused the worst oil spill in US history, has

appealed against his conviction for negligence. In his appeal, filed late on Friday, in Anchorage. Alaska, Joseph Hazelwood said the state of Alaska was wrong to charge bim with any eriminal offences in connection with the spill from the grounded ship. Hazelwood cited the state's oil-spill immunity clause — granting spillers who report their environ-mental accidents protection from any criminal prosecution. (Reuter)

Women likely to die from bypasses: Women are more likely than men to die from coronary bypass surgery than men because women are sicker when they have the operation, a new study in

Washington said. Dr Steven Khan of the University of California in Los Angeles' School of Medicine studied 2,297 male

and female bypass patients. Their findings are repor-ted in today's "Anals of Internal Medicine."

The death rate from bypass surgery was 77 per cent greater for women than for men — 4.6 per cent vs 2.6 per cent, Khan says. That is similar to what previous studies have found. (Kuna)

National Geographic editor sued: The editor of National Geographic magazine, which for more than 100 years has explored the world and the creatures that inhabit it, was replaced suddenly Monday. Neither he nor the society that publishes the magazine was saying whether he was fired.

"I just don't know the circumstances well crough to deal with it," said Wilbur E. Garrett, 59, who had

been editor since 1980. Garrett was replaced by William T.E. Graves, 63,

who had been a senior member of the magazine's editorial staff for 12 years. Graves becomes the eighth editor in the 102-year history of the publication. The magazine is sent to the 10 million members of the National Geographic Society. (AP)

San Antonio jail break: Authorities sear-ched Mozday for three convicts — including a man suspected of heading a multi-million-dollar drug ring — who escaped from a privately run prison by pulling

Mario Salmas-Trevino and two cellmates escaped from the central Texas parole violators facility in downtown San Antonio about 8:30 pm Sunday after forcing guards at guapoint to let them out of the building, police said. (UPI)

Chinatown merchants strike: Bustling Chinatown virtually shut down Monday when merchants staged a strike to protest a plan to tear down the quake-damaged embarcadero freeway. The merchants say the freeway is n vital link to

Chinalows. Almost 1,200 shops, restaurants and professional offices, all but five small businesses, signed up in participate in the three-hour shutdown, said protest organiser Rose Pak of the Chinese Chamber of Com-



Young rocks

Canadian rock star Neil Young performs at a self-out rock concert in honour of Mandela at Wembley Stadium. (Reuter wirephoto)

# viewing

Makes kids fat CHICAGO, April 17, (Reuter): Children in the United States spend more time watching television than doing anything else but sleeping, and are becoming fat and violent as a result, the

American Academy of Pediatrics said yesterday. Sufficient data have accumulated to warrant the conclusion that protracted television viewing is one cause of violent ur aggressive behaviour," the group said. "Television viewing also con-tributes substantially to obesity."

The doctors made the comments in a policy statement published in the April issue of the American Academy of Pediatrics News.
"In 1989 the average child in the United States still spent more time watching television than any other activity except sleeping" — about 25 bours

per week — the group said.

"The many implicit and explicit messages on television that promote alcohol consumption and promiscuous or unprotected sexual behaviour are also a cause for concern," it added.

#### Latin America

Priests write to Pope: A spokesman for the Ruman Catholic Church on Monday said a letter to the Pope by more than 400 Mexican priests may have been inspired by "Marxist-Leninist elements."
The letter, printed in Monday's editions of the Mexico City duily La Jornada, addresses economic

and social problems. "Sametimes, those who write these letters do not present evangelical proposals, but Marxist-Leninist

elements ... the class struggle is not Christian and generates violence," Monsignor Genaro Alamilla, spokesman for the Roman Catholic Church in Mexico suid at a news conference. Alamilla said that the Pope's visit "does not have a

political or economic connotations, but pastoral,"
The priests late Monday had not yet responded to Alamilia's statements. (AP) Argentina forces retirement: About 20,000 Argentine civil servants will be forced to give up their jubs by the end of April as part of the government's austerity programme to light inflation.

Public Works and Services Minister Jose Roberto Dromi said on Monday that any public employee who bad custed retirement age or was within two

who bud passed retirement age or was within two
years of doing so should leave.

Anyone who held more than one to him the public sector had until the end of the month to decide which "The measures affect around \$0,000 employees,"

Dromi said in a radio interview. (Reuser) Castro may visit Japan: Cuban President Fidel Castro may visit Japan to attend the enthronement ceremony for Emperor Akthinu, a Japanese newspaper reported Tuesday.
Yomiuri Shimhun quoted informed sources in

autumn for his first visit to Japan since the Cuban Resolution in 1959. The source reportedly said that Castro, who is also Cuba's head of state, wants to attend the ceremony in November if the Japanese government invites all the world's heads of state. (Kunu)

Hayana as saying Castro will go to Tokyo this

### words on the crowd. S. Africa steel products being imported into US despite sanctions

WASHINGTON, April 17, (AP): The administration of President George Bush is allowing South African iron and steel into the United States despite a 1986 economic sanction designed to force an end to apartheid, the State Department said yes-

Most of the controversial imports are terday. ferroalloys, strategic commodities that Congress never intended to ban, said department spokeswoman Margaret

The administration's definition of steel was upheld in a federal court in 1987, and certain prefabricated products that con-tain steel are not included in the definition

of steel, she said. This administration will continue to enforce fully all provisions of the comprebensive anti-apartheid act," Tutwiler said. This is an old issue that has been thoroughly reviewed by the Treasury

Another US official, requesting anon-

ymity, said some prefabricated items, such as toasters and some ferroalloys, had been

The New York Times, quoting Commerce Department officials, reported Saturday that more than 900,000 tonnes of South African iron and steel products worth at least \$350 million had entered the United States despite the sanctions.

"Nothwithstanding any other provision of law, no iron or steel produced in South Africa may be imported into the United

States," the law says.

The Times said Treasury Department lawyers had defined "steel" to exclude fabricated steel products such as girders, beams and plates used in the construction of bridges.

However, Congressman John Bryant took issue with the interpretation. tion to allow even one ounce, much ass

billions of pounds, of such products to

enter the United States," Bryant said.

"There is no excuse for the administra-

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# attack trial begins

The man accused of being the ringleader in a racial slaying carried a pistol and hragged that he was going to shoot blacks, the prosecution said yesterday at the start of his murder trial.

"Keith Mondello was going to murder a hlack man," assistant district attorney James Kohler said. "It didn't matter what black man. Yusuf Hawkins innocently appeared on the scene, and his fate was sealed."

A state supreme court jury began hearing the case against Mondello nearly eight months after 16-year-old Hawkins and three of his friends crossed paths with a moh of hat-wielding whites in the mostly white Bensonhurst section of the Borough of Brooklyn.

Prosecutors say Mondello, charged with two counts of second-degree murder and other crimes, did not shoot Hawkins, hut created the circumstances that caused his death by assem-

hling the white gang.
A second jury in the same courtroom was to hear opening statements in the trial of the accused gunman, Joseph Fama. However, those proceedings were postponed because defence lawyer David Depetris had the

Mondello and Fama, both 19 years old and charged with two counts of second-degree murder, would face 25 years to live in prison if convicted.

Kohler charged the slaying was a racial murder motivated by Mondello's hatred of hlacks and

Hispanics.
"To call it anything else hut a race riot would demean and trivialize the death of Yusuf

Hawkins," Kohler said.

He added: "The person who will put many of the pieces to the puzzle together is the defendant

In statements Mondello made to the police following his arrest, he admitted assembling the gang. admitted having a gun in bis car and said he was carrying a bat at the lime of the altack, the prosecutor said.

Mondello's lawyer, Stephen Murphy, disputed prosecutors' accounts of the killing and asserted his client was being falsely accused by Gina Feliciano, a key prosecution witnesses he described as a habitual liar and an unreformed drug addict.

Murpby said he would play for the jury a recorded conversation between Miss Feliciano and her sister that "makes it real clear that the truth has nothing to do

with anything."
Murphy charges that the girl hrought on the entire episode by inviting some black and Hispanic friends to an Aug 23 birthday party in the mostly Italian-American neighbourhood.

Murphy asserted that Mon-dello was "horrified" by the

Six other young whites also were indicted in the killing and will be tried later.

Black leaders appealed for unity and increased activism at the funeral of a hlack teen-ager whose shooting hy a white policeman sparked a suhurban

rampage.
Ahout 300 people packed community Baptist church yes-terday in this New York suhurb for the funeral of Phillip Pannell, 16. and about 200 more gathered outside to listen to the service

over a speaker. Most were black. Elected officials, religious leaders and community officials took turns at the pulpit to call for solidarity in the wake of Pan-

# Cricket threat

(Reuter): Hundreds of thousands of acres (hectares) of Nevada farmland are threatened by a plague of cropdevouring "Mormon" crickets with jaws strong enough to pierce human

The voracious insects, which grow up to two-and-a-half inches (16 cm) long, are preparing to march across the state, cating everything in their path, agricultural officials said.

Robert Gronowski, director of the Nevada animal, plant, health inspection service, said the bugs are still in their breeding grounds in canyons 100 miles (160 km) north of Reno.

"There are literally hundreds of them per square yard (square metre) up there, the ground is black with them, he told Reuters.

They are called Mormon crickets because they were first discovered hy Mormon settlers in 1848. They are not crickets at all, but members of the

long-horned grasshopper family. Unlike locusts, the crickets do not fly, but they are avid marchers, covering two miles (three km) every

# Racial Protesters foil plan for anti-king ra

#### 300 sign petition demanding visa for Romanian monarch

BUCHAREST, April 17, (AP): Shouting "communists go to church" and "long live the king," several hundred pro-monarchy demonstrators vesterday foiled plans of the anti-king opposition to stage a rally in front of government headquarters.

Protesters in the pro-king camp said the anti-monarchy demonstration was staged hy former communists, tacitly backed by the National Salvation Front, Romania's main contender for the May 20 elections.

"We don't want a king," shouted a middle-aged woman, as about a bundred allegedly pro-front supporters marched down the city's boulevards toward the government building and the nearby Victory Square.

There was some pushing and kicking between rival demonstrators but eventually they dispersed quietly, and there were no arrests.

The anti-king demonstrators wanted lo show their hacking for a government decision to withdraw a visa granted to exiled King Michael of Romania lo visit the country. "Communists in disguise, go home or to

church, it's a holiday today," scores of proking sympathisers shouted back. "You fear you'll lose your well-paid jobs,

you garbage," they chanted.

Later in the day, some 300 pro-king activists signed a petition they plan to send to the

supreme court asking for a visa for the former monarch. The government, in withdrawing the visa, has violated the Helsinki accords on human rights," Noni Andronescu, a former political detainee and spokesman for the prop-king

demonstration told the Associated Press. He said the supporters also plan to send a written protest to the government, including Premier Petre Roman.

Romanian police, armed with submachine guns and wielding batons, cordoned off entrance to the square and prevented the organised anti-king demonstrators from entering, saying they had no permission from the Bucharest mayor to stage the rally in that

The pro-king sympathisers praised the police decision, saying authorities did not permit the meeting because they feared clashes between the two camps.

Meanwhile, some 500 demonstrators of the nonparty Movement were allowed to enter the square after they displayed a letter stating they had the mayor's approval to assemble in Victory Square.

The demonstrators shouted anti-government slogans and asked that former communists be barred from getting leading jobs in the future administration for the next three parliamentary legislatures or 12 years. Romanian ambassador to France Alexan-

dru Paleologu was recalled to Bucharest for consultations yesterday after be publicly criticised Romanian Prime Minister Petre Roman, diplomatie sources said.



Rival groups kicked and punched each other during demonstrations for and against Romania's ruling National Selvation Front in Bucharest on Monday. The young woman being restrained in the foreground is shouting professional against Romania's ax-monarch King Michael who was refused an entry visa into Romania. (Reuter warepholds)

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### America

US sponsoring anti-semites visit: The ment is sponsoring a month-long US tour by a group of Russian writers that includes known anti-semiles, a major Jewish group charged Monday night

"This visit is not in the interests of the west generally," said David Harris, president of the American Jewish Committee.

A Russian Jewish emigre whose studies of anti-semitic writers were used by the committee. Semyon Reznick, said some writers in the group "exuded the myth of a Jewish-Zionisi conspiracy, an old Russian haired" in their work. (AP)

Bush nominates Thomas: President George Bush announced his selection Monday of Charles H. Thomas, a career Foreign Service officer, to be US Ambassador to Hungary. Thomas, 55, most recently served as principal

deputy assistant secretary of state for European and Canadian affairs. For almost a year he has been studying Hungarian in preparation for his new assig-

If confirmed by the Senate, he would replace Mark Palmer, who recently retired from the Foreign Service for a job in international banking. (AP)

US will not rejoin Unesco: The White House has decided that the United States should not rejoin the UN Cultural Organisation Unesco, which it left in 1984, the New York Times reported on

In a report to be issued on Tuesday, the State Department says that Paris-hased Unescostill wastes money, is poorly managed and has not taken a firm stand in defence of freedom of the press, the Times said, tReuters

Lincoln, Jefferson memorials: Two of Washington's most famous landmarks, the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials, are succumbing to water seepage, air pollution, littering tourists and a pesky

little bug called the midge, experts say.

Private consultants hired by the national park service say the worst problem was found at the 68year-old memorial honouring President Ahraham Lincoln. Dripping rainwater has caused detenoration of huge concrete slabs that support a broad cobblestone walkway and the grassy terrace surrounding the huilding. [AP]

#### Europe

'No' to May Day rallies: Turkey's largest labour confederation has ruled against holding May Day rallies after one person was killed and dozens were injured during marches in Istanbul last May 1, a confederation official said on Monday.

Chairmen of 34 trade unions affiliated with the 1.7

million-member Turk-Is Confederation have decided to mark Labour Day by reading out a joint statement in union and factory halls, Burban Dodanli told Reuters. (Reuter)

Three killed in blast: A bomb exploded in a minihus Monday in Derik, Turkey killing three people and wounding 11, the semi-official Anatolia News Agency reported.

The agency said four of the wounded were in critical condition.

critical condition.

The bomb was concealed in a package that had been handed to the driver by a teen-age boy, the agency said. The boy had asked the driver to take the package to one of the villages on the hus route in Mardin province. (AP)

Irish extremists clash: Masked gunmen shot dead a Catholic man in Northern Ireland Mon-day in a slaying officials said was probably linked to a

feud between rival Irish extremist groups.

A spokesman for the Royal Utster Constanulary said Eoin Morley, 23, apparently tried to escape when he was confronted by his assailants in the Derrybeg district of Newry, 40 miles (65 km) south of Palface (110). Belfast. (UPI)

Purchase did not succeed: An Italian husinessman's bid to purchase the American cinema company MGM-United Artists would not succeed because American Jewish organisations had described a recent statement for the man as anti-Semetle,

it was reported here Monday.

Jean Carlo Parrity was seeking to buy that giant
American company for months and offered \$1.2 billion in co-operation with another American cinema company "the Warner Brothers." (Kuna)

Cybernetics conference: The 10th European conference on cybernetics and systems research' will be held at Vienna University on April

This conference, which is the biggest international function of its kind in the cybernetics field, is held

About 300 scientists from all over the world are expected to attend. One of them will be Iwan Havel, the brother of Czechoslovak President Vaclav Havel.



**Basque National Day** 

French not police break up a demonstration of 1,500 Basques as Nationalists set fire to French and Span-ish flags during the Basque National Day celebra-

### Due to roll out **US** shuttles

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla., April 17, (Reuter): For the first time since the 1986 Challeoger disaster, scientists are preparing two space shuttles for workers are being pushed to keep an unrealistic

Right schedule. The US shunle Columbia, on a ughter schedule than any spacecraft since December 1985, is due to roll out to its launch pad on April 22 fora May 9 launch carrying an astronomy observatory.

April 25 is the date for the shuttle Discovery's second liftoff attempt with the \$2.5 hillion Hubhie space telescope, after a scuttled launch on April 10, and will mark the first time in more than four years that Nasa workers have had to divide their time between shuttles on both launch pads.

The double duty became necessary when the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) delayed the launch of Discovery so technicians could replace a faulty power steering unit in the shuttle and recharge batteries aboard the

The 88-pound (40-kgl unit was replaced on Sunday and is to be tested today. The two 450pound (200-kg) battery packs were removed from the telescope for recharging on Saturday.

Child leaps to death: A 7-year-old girl impersonating the superheroine "Wonder Woman" jum-ped from the eighth floor of an apartment building and was killed instantly, police said Tuesday in Seoul.

First-grade student Chong Son-Ah died Sunday
after she and a friend were accidently locked on a fire escape while playing at their apartment huilding and Chong offered to get help, police said. Police quoted the friend, identified only as Kim, as

saying that Chong liked to imitate the television character "Wonder Woman" and felt she could lean from bigh building and survive. (AP)

Seoul executes murderers: South Korea executed on Tuesday nine murderers, most of them also convicted of repeated rape and armed robbery.

It said seven were hanged in a Seoul prison, one in the central city Taegu and one in Pusan to the

The last death sentences were carried out in South Korea in August, 1989, when seven people were hanged for rohbery, sexual assault and murder.

EEC may withdraw support: The European Economic Community may withdraw its UN support from Prince Sihanouk's coalition government-in-exile during this year's general assembly session in September because the coalition continues to include the communist Khmer Rouge, diplomats

said Monday. Under the Khmer's rule from 1975 to 1978, more than a million Cambodians were believed to have

# Lithuania renews demands for talks

### Deadline expires with no cut in deliveries

MOSCOW, April 17, (Agencies): Rebel Lithuania renewed demands for dialogue with the Kremlin today as the republic's parliament debated Moscow's threatened economic blockade.

President Vytautas Landsbergis told deputies that sanctions, announced by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev on Friday to force the republic to drop its independence bid, would damage Lithuania's

The Baltic republic is heavily dependent on Moscow for essential supplies such as oil, but the Kremlin has so far held its hand on an

"Yet at the same time, he said that hy organising a hlockade and making us huy raw materials and other things for foreign currency. Moscow is recognising Lithuania as a separate

However, she said Landsbergis repeated calls made on Monday by Prime Minister Kazamiera Prunskiene for talks with the Kremlin both on economic sanctions and on a clash between Moscow and Vilnius over calls to boycott military service.

The parliament discussed a draft telegram to Moscow, saying the Lithuanian government saw no reason to "justify a worsening of economic relations, all the more so that this would not affect Lithuania alone."
"Moreover, we do not understand
the content of the economic same-

tions alluded to and would not like to give false explanations to our people and to the world," the telegram said. "Given these conditions, we see no way to resolve these questions other

than Moscow urgently meeting a Lithuanian government delegation headed by the prime minister." in a telegram to Gorbachev asking for a meeting, Prunskiene also said Lithuania wants to explain to its peo-

ple what difficulties they may face if they continue ignoring the ultimatum.
The telegram said Lithuania wants to discuss the spring conscription of Lithuanian citizens into the Soviet Army, the protection of borders, and the rights of Lithuanian residents

who want to remain citizens of the USSR. Gorbachev on Friday gave Lithuania 48 hours to rescind laws aimed at holstering the independence movement or face a cutoff of products the Soviet Union supplies to the republic. Gorbachev said that "anti-constitutional" actions promoting independence must be rescinded, including plans releasing Lith-uanian youth from conscription into the Soviet Army and introducing the

republic's own identity cards.

The deadline expired last night with no visible cut in deliveries, but also no yielding by Lithuania. Gorbachev has refused to meet

with Lithuanians unless the republic cancels the independence declaration it made on March 11. Some Lithuanian activists have

characterised Gorbachev's statement on Friday as a softening, because he did not demand outright that the republic revoke its indepen-dence declaration. In her telegram, Prunskiene said a

hroad economic hoycott would damage both the Soviet and Lithuanian economy. If measures are not defined. Prun-

skiene said in an interview on Soviet television last night, "this is a cold and very hard war, a war with the people of Lithuania, which includes people who consider themselves citizens of the Soviet Union."

Vilnius radio quoted Prunskiene as saying the leadership of Lithuan-ia's legislature decided that "until we see definite physical measures against Lithuania's industry and economy, all contractual ohligations to the USSR must continue to be carried out hy all our enterprises, so there should be no pretext for possihle disruption of supplies by the

The telegram was sent to Gorba-

chev after an emergency meeting yes-terday of the Presidium, or legislative

# embargo: Gorbachev's threat alarmed Western governments, but the United States said yesterday Soviet failure to act on the threat to blockade States said yesterday Soviet failure could herald a reduction in Lithuania after expiry of a crucial deadline could herald a reduction in

"Landsbergis said Moscow is using all means to pressure us incline. ing economic threats, which would cause unemployment and make one situation harder," said a journalist at Lithuanian Radio, who heard the



in support of prosecutors

A Soviet demonstrator (left) argues with militiamen in Moscow as he carries a poster asking controversial prosecutors is: suspended from duty for the alleged mishandling of a case. Poster reads: 'Gdlyan and Ivanov, don't go to the Golgonia.'
At (night), a demonstrator holds a poster with names of various progressive political figures during a small rally in front of the Moscow City Council. (Reuter wirephotos)

# Centre-rightists end Reds rule

### Slovenia polls

BELGRADE, April 17, (Reuter): A centre-right coalition ousted communists from power in Slovenia in a victory which set Yugoslavia's most Westernised republic apart from

the rest of the country.

The communists, who have ruled Yugoslavia for 45 years, now face a tough fight to retain their grip on neighhouring Croatia, where free elections will be held on April 22 after a heated campaign coloured by nationalist passions and ethnic tensions.

"Slovenia has hroken politically with Yugoslavia. It has a different political system now," one Western diplomat

"If the communists lose in Croatia there will, for all practical purposes, be two Yugoslavias."

Final results announced yesterday said the Democratic United Opposition of Slovenia (Demos) won 55 per cent of the vote in elections of April 8, giving it 47 of the 80 seats in the npper chamber of the Slovene

Parliament. The communists, who changed their name to the Democratic Reform Party and now advocate Western-style social democracy, won only 14 seats. The rest went to the left-of-centre Liberal

Demos leader Joze Pucnik told Reuters: "Our priority is to write

a new Slovene constitution which will guarantee Slovene sovereignty and pave the way for turning Yugoslavia into a confederation.

Slovenia, which has 1.9 million

people, is Yugoslavia's most economically advanced republic, account for 30 per cent of exports and a fifth of the national product. Demos wants autonomy inside or outside Yugoslavia for the republic, which borders Aus-

tria, Italy and Hungary, while nationalists within the coalition call for quick secession. Demos policy on Slovene independence has vacillated and coalition leaders now play down

the question of a possible split with the rest of Yugoslavia. We are not too elear right now about our plans for parliamentary action, Demos official Silvester Plahntnik said.

The coalition, dominated hy Christian Democrats and the Peasants' Union, has a strong nationalistic and agrarian slant. The democratic reform party says its future role depends on the outcome of elections to the lower

house of Parliament on April 22. "If Demos gets an absolute majority in the entire Parliament we will have to become an

opposition party," party official Petar Bekes said:

# Soviets hope 50pc arms cut in June

ROME, April 17, (UPI): Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevard nadze said in an interview published yesterday the Soviet Union expects to reach basic agreement on a 50 per cent reduction of strategic offensive weapons during the Bush-Gorba chev summit meeting in June He also said the Soviet Union

hopes to sign a bilateral accord on the "radical reduction" of chemical weapons, to give an impulse to the negotiations on reduction of conventional weapons in Europe and also make advances toward a ban on nuclear experiments

Shevardnadze expressed his hopes for the summit meeting between President Bush and Soviet-leader Mikhail Gorbachev, set for

news agency Ansa. The occasion for the interview was the current visit to Moscow el-Italian Foreign Minister Gianni de-Michelis, who is scheduled to his e-separate talks with Shevarduadze.

Washington May 30-June 3, in a

Moscow interview with the Italian

and Gorbachev.
Asked what "concrete results" the Soviet Union expects from the Washington summit the Soviet foreign minister said:

"The parties intend to reach ar accord on the problems relative to the treaty on a 50 per cent reduction of offensive strategic weapons and initial it in Washington during the meeting between the US and Soviet presidents. By this I mean to say that, in this event, the signing of the treaty is foreseen for the end of this

"Another important practical result of the Washington negotiations should be the signing of a bilateral agreement on a radical reduction of the arsenals of chemical weapons, as a step toward !-their complete elimination.?

Shevardnadze said.

"It is ohvious that, taking account of the role of our two countries in the European process, the presidents could give a serious.
impulse to the negotiations for the reduction of conventional arms in Europe, which are about to enter.

the conclusive stage, he said.

# East European young black marketeers discover new 'silk road' to Beijing

BELING, April 17, (Reuter): Hundreds of young Eastern Europeans have established a new 'silk road,' buying up the bounty of China and then lugging it half way across the

world and through the Berlin Wall to the West. Unlike the ancient trade route that snaked across deserts and mountains from Beijing through Central Asia to Europe, the new 'road' is a railway track from China to Mongolia, the Soviet Union and then westward via Berlin. But like the old camel caravans and mule trains of the

past, modero traveller-traders are loaded up with cargoes of silk, pearls and other exotica from China's interior. Deals are struck informally, sometimes illegally, and an omnipresent black market greases the wheels.

"Life is good," Andre, a young Pole and self-professed black marketeer, told this journalist during a recent trip to Ulan Bator, Mongolia - the first stop for traders travell-

"You can travel many places, make a little money and sometime you can find a woman along the way," he said, propping up the bar at Ulan Batro's Bayan Gol hotel. The bar is Ulan Batro's only disco and a favoured

watering hole for the Eastern Europeans.

Traders said the dynamics of their livelihood were simple. China has ahundant, eheap goods and Eastern

Europe has few. Since the dismantling of the Berlin Wall last November. big spenders in the West have become more accessible than

at any time since World War Two, they said.

And although most of Eastern Europe is espousing capitalism, many countries are still members of a loose "socialist hrotherhood" with China, thereby remaining cligible for a gamut of "friendship" benefits. Daniel, a university student from Czechoslovakia, said

his train ticket — Ulan Bator, Beijing, Canton and back — hought in Prague, cost him \$30. That is a fraction of what Westerners pay for the same ticket.

Tickets on the trans-Siberian railway from Europe to

English, Russian and Polish fluently.

When in Beijing, he stays in a hostel near the Temple of Heaven free market where private husinessmen from China's south gather each morning to hawk freshwater

A necklace of the lowest quality pearls costs four yuan (85 cents). The highest quality costs about 30 yuan (\$6.3),

which cost him the black market equivalent of \$18.
"Fur us it is a kind of silk road." said Daniel, who speaks

"In Ulan Bator the people have nothing. No money and nothing to buy, so you have to sell them cheap necklaces," said Daniel. "A five yuan necklace goes for two dollars (9.4 China are also sold at knock-down rates in Eastern Europe. Daniel took a plane from Prague to Ulan Bator

### Walesa enigmatic

WARSAW, April 14, (UPI): President Wojciech Jaruzelski may resign after new parliamentary elections expected next year but will not step down now, the spokesman for his office said today.

The former Communist Party leader is realistic about the future and "will oot insist oo the full sixyear term" to which he was elec-ted by parliament last July, spokesman Slawomier Witek told United Press International.

On the other hand, "Jaruzelski has no reasons to consider his resignation (now) because his cooperation with the government and parliament is good," he said.

Witek was responding to a declaration by Solidarity leader Lech Walesa that Jaruzelski is not leading Poland and he will run for the job of president "in the next elections.

The presidential spokesman suggested Walesa's statement was part of his strategy before the Solidarity congress to begin Thursday in the scaport of

Although the next parliamentary elections are oot due until 1993, fully free elections are expected to be held next year because the June 1989 elections involved a political agreement in which Solidarity could run for only 35 percent of the seats io the lower house of parliament.

Witek suggested that Jaruzelski would "seek approval from the oew parliament and government" after the next elections, and if it were not forthcoming, he

Poles have visited since January.

Many of them head for a muddy, littered field oear Potsdamer Platz

known as the "Polish Market" - a ragtag hazaar where Poles sell

whatever they can hring from home

— caviar smuggled out of the Soviet Union, farm fresh eggs and bacon,

untaxed cigarettes and Polish vodka.

d. It is both an introduction to free-

of income for Poles weathering their

country's radical economic chaoges.

"Who knows how long I'll have a job. I'm sure the company will go bust by June," said Krzysztof Goral,

a hus driver from Poznan, as he tried lo sell a pair of mouoted deer antiers for 15 marks (\$9.3).

"We've got to try to carn while we can," said his brother Marek, an elec-

trician, who watched over a pile of chocolates and wooden-handled scr-

ewdrivers the brothers also had for

Every Friday they take an evening train on the 331-km (205-mile) trip to East Berlin. Upon arrival, they stay

up all night in order to avoid a hotel bill, then cross into West Berlin to

stake out a spot at the market early in

the morning.
Many other Polish visitors sleep in

their ears, tour buses or try to camp in

Those habits, along with the wide-open trading at the market, appall many Berliners who would like the

city government 10 do something to

is smuggling.
Officials have recorded more than

Poles call it business: Germans call

the Polish market.

the zoo train statioo.

The Goral brothers are regulars at

"If he (Jaruzelski) recognises the political and ecocomic reforms he has initiated have been peacefully steered through this hot period, the merits are more important, and oot the

Meanwhile, Danuta Walesa, the wife of Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, based the secrets of Poland's best-known family yesterday, saying her husband is enigmatic and difficult to get along with.

Mrs Walesa, an attractive brunette io her late 30s and the mother of Walesa's eight children, told a talk-show hostess on state television: "Lech is not an easy man to love, understand and be with. I don't think any other woman could put up with him."

"He's always so secretive. You talk to him and you never know if you're getting through or what he's thinking about," she said of the man widely expected to become Poland's next president.

Polish Foreign Minister Krzysztof Skubiszewski Tues-day arrives in Belgrade on an official three day visit to Yugoslavia for talks with his Yugoslav counterpart Budimir Loncar on current developments in East Europe.

Skubiszewski Loncar's talks will also touch on the two Germanies reuoificatioo aod its impact on security and co-operatioo in Europe, and the future of political and economic co-operatioo among the European countries io light of the oew develop-

German

**Unity talks** 

set to start

BONN, April 17, (AP): Officials from the two German nations this week will

return to talks setting the course for unification, the West German govern-

ment said yesterday.

The discussions were put on hold

while a new government was being formed in East Germany.

East Germany's first demo

cratically elected government, headed by Prime Minister Lothar de

speaking on condition of anonymity, said Chancellor Helmut Kohl and De

Maiziere will likely meet sometime next week to discuss steps toward

unification.

East German Interior Minister

Peter-Michael Diestel and his West German couoterpart, Wolfgang Schaeuble, plan to meet in Bonn

"Things are hard in Poland, I've got two kids and oo job. I've got to make a liviog." said Stanislaw Neumao of Wroclaw.

Neuman lost his job last month as a bus driver as a part of the radical ecocomic reform plan that ended state subsidies and left over 200,000 unemployed since it took effect Jan I.

Government officials in Booo.

Maiziere, was sworn in last week.

Berlin's rag-tag bazaar

WEST BERLIN. April 17, [AP]: Even the Easter holidays didn't stop thousands of poles from streaming into West Berlin — some to shop, others to

The influx of Poles to West Berlin, one of the few Western European places they can visit without visas, has increased dramatically since the Polish zloty became a convertible currency in January. City officials say more than a million

# Jaruzelski may resign next year Bhattarai to choose cabinet Future compute sign next year Nenal's premier-designate yows polls within a year may be may be

Nepal's premier-designate vows polls within a year

Nepali Congress.

KATMANDU, April 17, (UPI): Leaders of the opposition, buoyed in their drive toward multi-party democracy by the selection of one of their own as prime minister, held separate meetings today to discuss cabinet nominations, an opposition official said.

Krishna Prasad Bhattarai, acting president of the opposition Nepali Coogress Party who was chosen yesterday as Premier by King Birendra, must reserve two spots among his nine cabinet choices for representatives of the monarch.

Leaders of the Nepali Congress Party and the United Left Front - a coalition of seven leftist parties - met separalely today prior to joiot discussioos to finalise cabinet



Nepair riot police stand guard in front of a smoking cinema hall in Kathmandu on Monday. The hall was set alight after marching demonstrators discovered that people there were selling black market tickets. Massive demonstrations have

Break-in reported at office of vessel's sponsor

# 'Boat for China' target of harassment

PARIS, April 17, (AP): A radio ship headed to the Far East to transmit pro-democracy broadcasts into China has been the target of surveillance and harassmeot by Chinese officials since he left France, its sponsors said yesterday.

Garresh Marr Singh suprema leader

-A coalition of sponsoring groups, headed by the French magazine Actuel, said China has tried to place pressure oo various foreign governments in an effort to undermine the "Boat for China" opera-

Actuel said yesterday that its editorial offices in Paris were broken into and ransacked over the weekend, with the intruders stealing documents and computer disks related to the ship, as well as the word processor of a reporter covering the opera-

Since leaving France on March 17, the ship "has been the target of administrative harassment, especially in countris where it stopped, and of constant surveillance and intimidation by the Chin-

ese authorities," the coalition said in a statement. The coalitioo said the 80-metre (260-foot) Goddess of Democracy had been able to leave Djibouti, on the horn of Africa, afer being held in port for several days for "various technical and adminis-

The ship "now enters sensitive waters where the pressure of Chinese authorities is likely to increase significantly," the statement said, It described the project as "totally peaceful, with oo protection

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except that of international public opinion,"

The 1,200-tonne ship — a former British oceanographic vessel - is sponsored by 18 press organisations from several countries in collaboration with the Federation for Democracy in China, a

cominations, said P.L. Singh, secretary to Ganesh Man Singh, supreme leader of the

be too small and we might have a bigger government." the secretary said.

Birendra had earlier yesterday accepted the resignation of Prime Minister Lokeodra

Bahadur Chand, dissolved Parliament and officially lifted a ban on political parties.

"The initial idea was to have a small government of nine members but it seems that will

Chand had been appointed by the king amid a wave of pro-democracy protests that

Paris-based organisation of Chinese dissidents. ■ China will be barred from this week's major

China will be barred from this week's major conference on world air pollution in Washington, US officials said yesterday.

White House spokesman Stephen Hart said China, despite its status as a major polluter through the vast amounts of coal it burns, cannot attend the conference because of sanctions ordered by President George Bush last year.

computer may be

TOKYO, April 17. (AP): Dealing with future generations of computers may be more like talking with people, ao American scientist being hooused in January 2014 the Witches of

the eve of receiving one of the two 1990 Japan prizes, worth 50 million yen (\$315,000) each.

Peter McKenzie of Britaio's Cambridge University and Xavier Le Pichon, director of the Ecole Normale Superieure in France.

Theirs is for work in formulating the theory that the Earth's crust is made up of rigid tectonic plates that grind against each other, causing ear-thquakes, volcanic eruptions and the formations of ridges and mountains.

Surprising that despite progress in forecasting places and sizes of earthquakes.

and require a report within 90 days. Bhattarai, also said that the king, who has wielded absolute power, "was very receptive and welcomed the idea of (becoming) a coo-

stitutional monarch."

Chand is heading a four-member ministry to handle daily administration of government until the new leadership is in place.

After the 65-year-old Bhattarai

was appointed premier, he told reporters, "I do not know to what

extent I can do (justice) to the people who have sacrificed their fives in the

movement, but I will do my level

Parliament when it was dissolved in rantament when it was dissolved in 1960 by the father of the present monarch, said elections "will be held within one year's time," but he did not pinpoint a date for Nepal's first

balloting under a multi-party system since the 1959 elections.

ing the voting age from 21 to 18 and to introduce a oce-person, one-vote

He also pledged to work for lower-

In addition, Bhattarai said his

government will repeal all draconian security laws, which allow the gover-

ament to arrest people for months

without assigning any reason, and pledged to "form the constitution drafting committee immediately"

The mooarch had proposed Nepali Congress leader Singh, 75, to be the oew prime minister, but Singh declined on bealth grounds and proposed Bhattarai.

Birendra and the Nepali Congress Party and the United left Froot swiftly endorsed Bhattarai's candidacy. After winning the endorsement, Bhattarai told reporters, "It's a big challenge for a person like me, who is not mentally prepared to shoulder the responsibility of this high post, but (I am) happy and thankful to all the friends within my party and the United Left Froot who expressed their faith in me." their faith in me."

The Nepali Congress Party was elected by an overwhelming majority in Nepal's first general elections in 1959, but King Mahendra, father of the present monarch, dismissed the legislature in December 1960 and introduced the partyless panchayat

form of government dominated by the royal palace.

Bhattarii vowed to work to end the broad ecocomic hlockade against Nepal instituted by India in March 1989, saying, "the differences between Nepal and India needed to he sorted out first, so that economic sufferings of the people could be les-

Novelist

#### **Court upholds** death sentence

TOKYO, April 17, (UPI): The Supreme Court upheld today the capital punishment against a death row convict who won acclaim for best-selling and award-winning autobiogra-phical novels he has written while

serving in prison.

Japan's highest court handed down the ruling by rejecting an appeal by Norio Nagayama, 40, who was convicted on charges of slaying four people in a series of

robbery attempts in 1968.
"In light of the nature of the crimes, their motives and results, and fully considering the childhood of the accused and his age at the time of the crimes, I cannot help but to allow the death penalty to be upheld," presiding judge Mitsuhiko Yasuoka said in dismissing Nagayama's appeal.

# talking

an american scientist being not oured in Japan as the "father of artificial intelligence" said yesterday. Professor Marvin Minsky of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology spoke at a news conference on

The other prize, for earth science, is being shared by American Professor William Jasoo Morgan of Princetoo University, Professor Dao

Morgan told the news conference predicting the exact time "is still pretty much in the future."

Minsky, who deals with how to make machines learn more by them-selves, is receiving his prize in the field of "technology of integration."
"I think the most surprising thing that came oot of this field of artificial

intelligence is this: in the early years, we were able to make computers do things that were very difficult for people, Minsky said. He cited difficult mathematic

problems and complex industrial

"It is much harder to make computers do things that ordinary people do. ... Every child learns to speak. Every child learns to move and do ordinary thiogs that we still cannot make a robot do," he added.
"We're still beginning to make them do things that little children do.

But of course that's very important because if yoo can make a little child, then it can learn itself and grow, Minsky said.

Predictions Asked for predictions, Minsky said that in the next few years, a computer "will be able to watch your eyes and your face and will be able to tell what interests you."

It might, for example, enlarge whatever the operator is studying on the screen, he said. . Minsky said some computers now

can recognise spoken words without understanding their meaning. "In another generation, maybe 10 years, maybe 50, the computer will have more understanding, like a child, and know what words really

mean, and then it will he more like talking to another person." he said.
"Once that happens, it's impossi-hic to make predictions," he added. He urged a new approach to

understanding the complex proces-ses of the human kind.

"If a scientist sees 500 other scientists agreeing, then he should oot agree because then he is a useless person," Minsky said. "The impor-tant thing is to develop many different theories and then find a way to combine them. The bad thing to do is to compare the theories and ask which is better because in thinking, different people are good at different things because they think in different ways, and we must learn to understand the many different ways."

Hopeful

McKenzie said that with the tecmekenize said that with the tec-tonic plate theory of explaining such things as earthquakes, "suddenly the motions themselves became really rather ohvious ... and we could worry" about what drives the plates'

movements.

He said that trying to predict quakes was something like putting pressure on a piece of glass and knowing that it would break, but oo!

Morgan said, "It's still a hopeful

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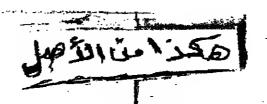
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#### **KUWAIT...GULF**

# No diseased sheep in Kuwait: Sultan Maids may form 10pc

Routine checks intensified

Kuwait Municipality Public Relations Department held a Gergian celebration and invited to it municipality

Gergian sacks full of sweets and nuts were distributed among children in addition to several other musical

and entertainment programmes. The celebration aimed at reviving some of the old traditions in Kuwait

**KMPC** to provide pipes

for water supply project

Tenders to be published soon

employees families and a large number of guests. The celebration was also attended by Naser Al Ayyar,

THE deputy director-general for Animal Resources Affairs at the Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Dr Sultan Ahmad Sultan bas denied the presence of diseased Australian sheep in the country. infected with high-risk contagious diseases harmful to both, humans and animals. He told a local daily that the authority

carries out regular tests on imported cattle, particularly on the types slaughtered for their meat.

#### Random testing

He added that these routine checks bave been intensified during the month of Ramadan due to the large quantities of

**Qergian celebration** 

director of the Public Relations Department.

THE deputy chairman and managing director at

Kuwait Metal Pipe Industries Company. Dr.

Ahmed Al Roudhan was quoted as saying that

negotiations are being conducted between the com-pany and the Ministry of Electricity and Water to determine specifications of pipes to be used in Water

In an interview with a local daily, the official said

that on concluding agreements with respect to the

project, the company will publish tenders for impor-

ting technical equipments tailored to produce the

required qualities.

The official said that relevant studies will be

finalised soon, particularly in keeping with the deep concern evidenced by officials at the Ministry of

Roudhan said that his company is one of the

pioneering firms in the region in the area of oil, gas and water pipes and commented that the company has protected the local market from the monopoly of foreign firms. He added that his company besides

meeting local requirements, exported some of its production to sisterly countries including Iraq and Saudi Arabia. The official declared that Saudi Arabia based Al Qasseem Water Supply Project's relevant pipe tender was awarded to Kuwait Metal

specifications of the pipes required for such a major

Supply Project from Iraq to Kuwait.

Electricity and Water on this issue.

imported animals to meet the growing

He pointed out that out of 80,000 Australian sheep imported recently, 9,000 heads were chose at random for testing and the results revealed no skin infections or any other diseases. The official stressed that Kuwait is in constant touch with Arab countries which import cattle from the same source to learn of any diseases or

He said that Kuwait usually imports 800,000 sheep heads from Turkey and two million from Australia, which are far greater than the actual local demand.

# **Smoking** on the increase: Mumin

THE head of Anti-Smoking and Cancer Society Dr. Hussein Al Mumin has announced that the number of boys and girls who take up smoking are necessing in Kuwait although they are reducing in the Wast Ha referred this ing in the West. He referred this phenomena to the lack of supporting informational program-mes and also to the absence of a law that prevents smoking in schools and public places besides allowing sale of cigarettes to young boys. He added that the most dangerous aspect that encourages youth to smoke is the campaign that is carried out by cigarettes companies. Last year, one of these companies brought a robot that was distributing cigarettes and lighters to children at Daeya Co-operative Society. He added that society should urgently carry out awareness eampaigns to enlighten the public on the hazards of smoking

#### Women

Mumin pointed out that presently 12 per cent of smokers in Kuwait are women compared to 5 per cent only ten years ago. He added that lnng cancer (usually caused by smoking) increased among women during the last few years. He added that the society made a study on a group of girls in the intermediate schools and found that 50 per cent of them had tried smoking.

The study showed that about 8 per cent of girls in schools of courses system smoke. He added that travelling of families to Europe and giving girls freedom to be away from their parents teach these girls some bad habits like smoking. He expressed sorrow on the increase of numbers of smokers among young girls and women in Kuwait and deplored their smoking in some public places and cafeterias and nce of their children.

#### Criticism

Meanwhile, a number of citizens have criticised women who smoke and described them as imitating men and lacking m femininity. The well-known Kuwaiti astronomer Dr Saleb Al Ojairi added that Kuwaiti women were good examples to their society and families. They were not affected by strange values although their men left them for several months alone with their children. But he added that the open society of Kuwait at present has affected a certain category of women who have begun practising bad habbits. All women smokers know that society does not accept their behaviour and they also know the harms of smoking, yet the number of women smokers is increasing in Kuwait, Ojairi said.

The head of public relations at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour has referred the increasing number of women smokers to the freedom given to those women in Kuwait. He wondered bow women smokers accept the bad breath coming out of their mouths and added that smoking began spreading among young girls in schools and even in some public places. He commented that most strange thing is that some women believe that smoking is a sign of sophistication.

who smoke. Men in our society do not respect women smokers because they see that they are liberal and do not abide by the social and religious values, he Over 250 recruitment agencies here recruitment offices which offer their services by advertising in the local newspapers. According to observers who have been following this phenomenon, maids were brought into the country a few years ago with the sole purpose of bouse work, particularly

of Kuwait's population

Now, they have been in addition turned into baby sitters, cooks and other services to the extent that many psychologists have warned that children have become more attached to maids than their mothers. The immigration departments

of the Interior Ministry issues about 10,000 works permits on an average every month and over 80 per cent of them go to maids and domestics. Officials insist that the main culprit in aggravating this social problem is the maids recruitment offices. The numebr of these offices according to informed sources is more than 250. Some of these offices have several branches in various areas. The main and only purpose of these offices is profit

The easy business and the huge profits it yields without the need for a big capital, have all encouraged more people to open such offices. Owners of such offices can easily obtain the commercial licence from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry since of Commerce and industry since they claim they are opening the office for trading and contract-ing. They pay small rents per-ticularly in remote areas and on recruitment of maids they bear no costs. They simply contact specialised labour recruitment agencies in the foreign country and ask them to send the number of maids they need. Those labour agencies in addition pay a commission to these offices Now after the arrival of maids, owners simply receive them at the airport and immediately surrender then, to the people who requested for them against paying an amount ranging between KD 30-50 or

The Ministry of Commerce and industry inspectors have so far kept their eyes closed on the inhuman behaviour of many of



Amiri medals

ACCORDING to unofficial

statistics the number of maids

and domestics in Kuwait is sligh-

thy more than 150,000 and based

upon the current maids recruit-

ment rate, the number is expec-

ted to be around 200,000 in three

years. This would constitute maids forming 10 per cent of Kuwait's population. The illegal

maids recruitment offices, spread all over the country in

great numbers, are blamed for

encouraging the recruitment of

maids. Observers stress that the

position of these offices has been

in complete disarray as the Min-

istry of Commerce and Industry

failed so far to stop this under-ground business. The maids

offices were declared illegal and

owners were asked to shut them

down. But these offices are still

operating and publishing advert-

isements in the local press under

Warning

than 20,000 in 1982 and since

then shot up by over 700 per cent. Majority, if not all of the maids

are recruited through manpower

The number of maids was less

the nose of concerned officials.

Director of the Jahra Traffic Department, Col Faisal Al Roudan gave awaymedals presented by HH, the Amir to a number of the department's officers for their excellent services.

# Female students bemoan problems

FEMALE students at the Technical Studies College encounter several problems and claim that these problems are obstacles to their education

and training.

A number of students stated that they do not have their own building.

They indicated that currently available laboratories lack required. equipments, safety devices and first aid. They disclosed that they have not been paid work allowances after graduation and added that

students bonuses have also been delayed.

A local daily toured the college and interviewed a number of female students at the Organic Chemistry Department.

Huda Ali Al Faraj, head of the Students Council at the college, said that despite other departments extending full co-operation and understanding towards students problems, female students particularly at the Organic Chemistry Department suffer from many difficulties. She indicated that most laboratories are not fully equipped, they also lack safety and first aid equipments. She added that despite the risks they face while working with chemicals, they are not granted any work allowances after graduation. They pointed out that acids used at the laboratory may cause cancer. Regarding bonuses received by students at the beginning of the month she said that they do not arrive on time which causes many students problems particularly those with financial which causes many students problems particularly those with financial commitments.

#### Ordeal

On the other hand, registering for courses at the Technical Studies College is an ordeal due to the small size of lecture areas. She said usually only 40 out of 150 students get accepted in each course. She indicated that the college parking areas are not enough to cover the need of students and some students are forced to park their vehicles in

Haleema Juma Abdullah a student complained from the quality of foods catered by the college cafeteria. She said that the price of meals is expensive. She added that their vehicles require more parking areas, and that they are forced to park behind the college at most times. She pointed out that their bonuses sent to the college by the Civil Service Commission are not received on time. She added that their bonuses had dropped in value from KD 150 to KD 50.

On the other hand, Fatima Mohammed Shebab stated that the college has failed to provide students with good guidance and added that many mistakes occurred during registration.

# Medical fund pays: out over

Patients Aid Fund Allam Al-Kandari has said that it paid over KD2 million to support public medical services in Knwait and that 85 per cent of the total expenditures have been used inside Kuwait.

He said that 250 families are

regularly beneficiaries and the fund had sponsored the provisions of medical supplies to Palestinian refugee camps in Jor-dan and to the camps of Afghan immigrants, besides the provision of tens of sacks of pharmaceutical supplies to hospitals and supporting the salaries of doctors operating in health and doctors operating in health and medical centres and bospitals in

poor Islamie countries.

The fund also supported the construction of public and private medical clinics in the Sudan, Lebanon and Palestine and pays regular monthly aid to poor patients.

The official said that the find also provided medical equip-ment and aid facilities to patients, with varying disabilities, such as wheel chairs to the crippled. bearing aid to the deaf, prescription glasses and artificial limbs to the maimed, besides spreading. bealth education through the

## Increase in Arab workforce expected

issued by the Arab Labour Organisation the Arab workforce has been estimated at around 64,000,000 workers in 1990, and this figure is expected to jump to 89,000,000 at the turn

of the century. It said that the Arab World generally exhibits low economic performance rates, whether at an overall level or at the level of males and females as the public participation percentage is about 29 per cent of the total Arab population, while women participation in the economie sector is extremely low and does not exceed 11 per cent in most Arab countries.

The workforce is noticeably high in the fields of agriculture, hunung, and mining, given the existing variations in percentages, as in the Sudan and Somalia the percentage is more than 60 per cent compared to lower than 10 per cent in the UAE, Bahrain, Oman and Qatar, the report added.

It also indicated that the percentage of workers in the industrial sector is still relatively low Somalia, Mauritania, Yemen Arab Republic and over 30 per cent in Kuwait, Syria, Bahrain and the UAE.

Only 50 per cent of the workforce is found in the agricultural sector while 15 per cent is hosted by the industrial sector compared to 35 per cent in the services sector.

#### **Performance** evaluation methods criticised

AN OFFICIAL source at the Education Ministry sharply criticised the way the employees performance evaluation reports are made. The source said that during the 87-88 academic year, over 13,000 teachers representing 50.6 per cent were given "Excellent" reports, 12,873 teachers or 49.4 per cent were given "Good" reports and only 8 were given "Weak". The source said that it is clear from these reports that personal and other considerations count in evaluating the employees.

The source regretted that the civil service system in Kuwait heavily depends upon reports in considering promotions, all-owances and all forms of rewards without taking into account the other aspects of performance.

The source described the results as "abnormal" and leads only to discouragement of hard workers. The source said as the direct supervisor is entrusted of working out the reports, personal considerations play a great role in the issue. This is the main reason for the large number of employees getting excellent reports which would ultimately mean that many employees who really don't deserve ohtain excellent reports. The source stressed that this will induce a spirit of desperation and depression among hard working

#### **Science Club** activities to continue

SHEIKH Sabah Al Hmoud of the Kuwait Science Club has said that the proposed construction of the Kuwait Scientific City Project is blessed by HH the Amir, amidst growing scientific challenges in the world.

He said that over the past 14 years the club spared no efforts to ensure the continuity of its constantly-expanding scientific activities, and accommodate the increasing applicants for mem-

He deplored the decline of youngsters to pursue scientific knowledge, pointing out that it has become imperative to set up branches for the club in different locations in the country and furnish them with all needed equipment to create the right scientific atmosphere and encourage youths to join in and practise

# Investment funds will expand trade: Humaidi

THE chairman of the board and managing director of the Securities Group Bader Fahd Al Humaidi has said that the law governing the establishment of investment funds forms a major turning point in the march of the local stock-exchange markets in

He told a local daily that the these funds will affect the tradability of shares and expand the demand for real estate investment and consequently result in a price rise.

The demand for local

shares will increase as the majority of local companies own great financial surpluses, while the demand by individuals will increase due to the inability of some to participate in the stockexchange market because of insufficient financial power. He said that individuals of small, medium and large financial standing are expected to join in, under the lure of great benefit from participatlong-experienced

Humaidi said that the local market will offer profitable company shares tradable at moderate rates compared to their true value, adding that this will further expand the existing gap between the prices of the shares of powerful companies and companies suffering from basic problems. This will encourage com-

panies to improve their standing, spread confidence in the market and the establishment of specialised funds besides enriching the existing options, be added. He pointed out that the

executive code of the establishing law specified two types

fixed capital and the other with variable capital that does not change throughout the operation of the fund.

Pipes Industries and that all the pipe requirements in

and Water and the other national institutions requirements of pipes, the company will also meet the requirements of Al Subbiya Industrial Area,

Meanwhile, official praised the efforts exerted by HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and

Premier towards reactivating the country's econ-

omy. He pointed out that these efforts will be

reflected on all national sectors. On the company's

production, the official said that it produced about

150,000 tons of metal pipes and in response to

government trends aims at encouraging national

industries and local investments. The company is

currently involved in modernising an old plant to

improve its performance to meet local market requirements of small diameter pipes.

istrative development process for minimising the workforce by incorporating advanced technology,

including computers. The company is also paying

more concern to the investment activities which

constitute important feeders for the company's

revenues. Over and above, the company is adopting

investment policies which are risk free. The company will achieve substantial profits during the

current fiscal year, Roudhan said.

Presently, the company is undertaking an admin-

In addition to meeting the Ministry of Electricity

the project were manufactured in Kuwait.

He said that the related units will be tradable in the relevant market and this consequently led to the definition of the unit price based on the volume of supply and demand, while in the case of the variable capital, the variability will range between two limited extremes with the subscription or retrieval liable to the approval of the fund manager and in the hest interest of the fund itself.

He hoped that the accompanying legal procedure will be flexibile enough to serve the best interest of the investor, with great emphasis on the efficiency of the manager and the legal conditions on

### Captain Ismael Hassan from General Fire Department said that Kuwait society is a reserved society and frowns on women

# Airlanka continues to earn record breaking revenues

# Sales manager appointed for Australia

AIRLANKA continues to earn record breaking revenues with the January 1990 figures reaching an all-time high

of Rs 684 million. This will undoubtedly be a significant turning point in the history of

Despite the escalating fuel costs and heavy past debt repayments, the airline is increasing its profitability and is now well on the road to recovery. The reforms initiated under the firm and

caring guidance of the President, are now paying handsome dividens.

The airline is currently experiencing unprecedented cabin factors. The company bas a healthy cash flow with a cash operating surplus of over Rs1 billion. With the whole bearted support of

the vast majority of the staff, Airlanka is now breaking into new avenues for further enhancing revenues and improving the service to its passengers.
On a directive given by the President,
Airlanka recently inaugurated an allAmsterdam. The first cargo charter left Colombo international airport Katunayake on February 27, 1990, with a full capacity load of Sri Lankan exports. This formightly cargo charter service will in due course be increased to a

cargo regular ebarter from Colombo to

weekly service. Airlanka will proudly carry the products of our rural farmers and other export producers to destinations around the globe, thus keeping faith with the President's promise to make the national carrier a meaningful

enterprise for the people of Sri Lanka. Airlanka also has the pleasure to announce the appointment of Chandana Wickramaratne as sales manager to Australia with effect from Feb 22,

Wickramaratne is a Sri Lankan and prior to emigration to Australia in 1976, he obtained extensive training and experience in the airline travel scene, locally. Starting off at Air Ceylon in 1967, he served stints at Malaysia — Singapore Airlines (MSA)

and the Ceylon Hotels Corporation. where he handled sales for British Airways and Qantas Airways.

After emigrating to Australia in 1976, Wickramaratne joined Steward Moffat Travel (NSW) Pty Limited as travel consultant. Up to the present Wickramaratne headed the consolidation unit of Stewart Moffat for the

travel, Wickramaratne joins Airlanka is preparing to fly in to Australia in May this year. His services willtherefore he invaluable in the intensive sales and marketing that will bave to be

engaged in, in the Australian market. Wickramaratne will operate out of Airlanka's general sales agent's office in Sydney — World Association Syswith anit of Stewart Moffat for the whole of Australia.

With his wide training and experience in the fields of aviation and with the fields of aviation and experience in the fields of aviation and with the fields of aviat

# Oph Today in Salmiya



# Thousands of prisoners released in Saudi Arabia Redress commercial

### No more political prisoners: announcement

Director of Hawaili Educational Area, Abdullah Al Rujaib opened the third Annual Scouts Jamboree for the

The technical scouts supervisor, Hassan Karam delivered a speech on the occasion followed by a number

Rujaih then distributed cups to winning scout learns. The jamboree included several scouts works. One of

the exhibition corners was designated for former Kuwaiti Amirs.

228 state-owned units

leased to private sector

beds.

Major hospitals to be

BAGHDAD, April 17. (AP): The government plans

to lease out some of the major state-owned hospitals

in a further move to privatise much of the state-

owned economy and attract foreign investment for

reconstruction, the Al-Ittihad husiness weekly said

Command Council stating that Health Minister Abdul-Salam Mohammed Saced was authorised to

lease for long periods major hospitals in Iraq to the

private sector. The decree also permits the private

sector to establish hospitals and other health

facilities, priviously a government monopoly.

The decree published in the husiness weekly 'Al-

Ittihad authorised the minister to lease hospitals to

private husiness men and doctors for a period of at

It also allowed private hospitals to set up their own price structure and provide a medical service

President Saddam Hussein has privatised many

least 25 years.

with no state intervention.

RIYADH, April 17, (Kuna): The Kingdom of Saudi Arahia denied yesterday

accusations reported in the

Iranian press that Riyadh has

consistently banned Iranian

Muslims from performing the

An official source quoted

hy the Saudi Press Agency

said the kingdom is ready to accept 45,000 Iranian pil-

grims this year in accordance

with the decision hy the

foreign ministers of the

Organisation of Islamic Con-

ference concerning quotas of

The source added that fran-

is the one that "refuses to

accept the quota set for Iran-

ians by the OIC," reiterating

that the kingdom "rejects any

means to destablise its stand

toward implementing this

Pilgrims from Muslim

countries, the sourse said,

must ahide hy Islamic princi-

ples and teachings when per-

forming important rites of

decision.

pilgrims for each country.

rites of pilgrimage.

It quoted a decree hy the ruling Revolutionary

RIYADH. April 17 (AP): The interior minister announced yesterday that almost 8,000 prisoners have been released to mark the holy month of Ramadan, and claimed the kingdom had no more political prison-

The announcement said King Fahd, using the powers vested in him hy Islamic laws, declared an amnesty for 7.681 prisoners convicted or held for crimes against public law on the occasion of

#### Denial

The sweeping gesture was made possible by benefactors who donated 327 million riyals (about \$87 million) to help write off the public and private dehts of some prisoners, the ministry said. There was "not a single political prisoner" in the kingdom, said the announcement, which was broadcast by

the state-run Riyadh Radio.

Scouts jamboree

of activities and programmes.

In a report on Saudi Arahia issued in January, the London-based human rights group Amnesty International said more than 700 people were detained without trial between 1983 and 1989,

The report said at least 100 were seized last year and named 66 held in three

Saudi Arahia denied the report. Those still jailed were ones held for capital crimes or already covicted and

awaiting Islamic punishment, it said. Capital crimes in Islam are murder, which is punishable by beheading, adultery punishable hy stoning and thievery punishable by cutting off hands from the wrist. In recent years, beheading was also decreed hy Muslim theologians for convicted drug

#### Tradition

The amnesty covers both Saudis and foreigners, though no breakdown was released. It referred to an unspecified number of foreigners detained for various mis-demeanours, financial crimes and public law violations, and said their embassies were asked to clear up their cases and prepare for their deportation, as is cus-

It is a tradition for rulers in Islamic countries to issue amnesties in Ramadan and on other Muslim occasions. Islamic law also makes it possible for benefactors. sometimes anonymous, to offer to settle public and private dehts of prisoners, as an act of charity.

Neighbouring Gulf countries have already announced their amnesties for Ramadan, but the numbers of prisoners released have not exceeded 200.

The Saudi statement did not say who the benefactors were. In neighouring United Arab Emirales, the President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan himself underwrote the deht of the 150 prisoners he released in the capital city of Ahu

#### Veterinary clinics may open next year: Sultan

By Lima Al Khalafawi

Arah Times staff official at the Animal Resources Department has denied receiving complaints about the behaviour of any veterin-arian at any clinic. Dr Sultan Al Sultan the deputy director-general of animal resources at the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources said that in case any complaint is received it is usually ascertained and dealt with seriously.

"Every one has the right to submit his/her complaint and the door is open in this respect." Sultan said.

On opening private vet clinics, the official said that concerned people have applied to open private clinics. Their applications are under study with the municipality and will be finalised by the and of this was hy the end of this year.

He added that government clinics still provide this service which will be reduced after private clinics are opened for animals such as dogs, cats, fancy hirds and others.

Replying to a question on specialised surgeries for pets such as for cataract, Sultan said that it requires expensive equipment. experts and special clinics. Priority is given to the productive sector of animals. However, under the law No. 32 87 concerning ing the practice of veterinary medicine and auxiliary professions in Kuwait, private clinics are permitted to have such specialised facilities.

On stray animals, the official said that a project to eradicate stray dogs and cats is submitted to the Council of Ministers for approval. The project also includes research on diseases transmitted hy animals.

On the lack of an information centre as a link between vets clinics here and others ahroad. Sultan said that there is a continuous connection between the department and specialised vet centres ahroad like FAO, OIE. Pirhright, Weyhridge, Tropical Vel. and other experts visiting and conducting training courses for

The official ruled out extending services to pets on a large scale. "The authority plan is to concentrate more on preventive, diagnostic and quarantine services, since these are the basic means for the development of livestock resources. Sultan concluded that services related to pets and fancy hirds will be transferred to the private sector.

#### **Etisalat profits**

ABU DHABI, April 17 (Reuter): The United Arah Emirates telecommunications firm Etisalat reported a 17.5 per

cent rise in net profits for 1989. Etisalat said in a statement yesterday that profits rose to 787 million dirhams (\$214 million) form 669.9 million (\$182 million)

ning economic affairs. He said licences is an important issue. He pointed out that Shuwaikh Industrial Area has been illegally transferred into real estate investment area and suggested an organisational campaign for

He expressed support for setting up the investment and real estate funds as they would provide new opportunities for investments.

THE commercial situation in the

country leaves a lot to be desired

and every effort must be made to

redress the situation, the ex-

undersecretary of Kuwait's Min-

istry of Commerce and Industry

(Moci), Khaled Al Khorafi was

quoted as saying in an interview with a local daily.

#### Review

Replying to a question, the officials described the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) economic pact as the most important performance of the council. He confirmed the importance of providing joh opportunites for national cadres in the industrial sector and for upgrading capabilities of the national industrial cadres.

Meanwhile, Khorafi called for reviewing all legislations concer-

that re-organising of commercial replanning the area in accor-dance with technical criteria.

shortcomings: Khorafi

Ex-Moci official supports funds

The official also called for developing the industrial sector in the country and said that enhancing the performance of this sector would guarantee better economic factors. However, he said that boosting this sector should not be undertaken at the expense of other sectors such as financial, commercial and service sectors. He said that they have to deal with the industrial sector as a feeder for developing the national economy in order to enable the economy to be robust. Expanding the sector will create new joh opportunities and will

eventually absorb the veiled

imemployment prevailing in the

government sector.

Additionally, he said that industrial development will help realise technical development in different fields, including the commercial and service socious.

Khorafi expressed satisfaction on setting up of the Public Authon setting up of the industrialisation, only for industrialisation, provided the strategic objectives and role of this authority towards industrial development are made clear. But he expresses reservation over the merger of industrial corporations and clarified that Kuwait is applying economic liheralism basec mainly on individual initiative and this should be encouraged.

On the issue of mergers, the official said it depends on the quality of industries that intention to merge and the volume of the market.

He called for enacting neces sary laws for protecting consumers and added that strict pendalties must be made mandator; on manipulators who try to promote their goods through



# Shoppers bemoan prices as Eid-Al-Fitr nears

#### Clothes and shoes dearer

#### By Lima Al Khalafawi Arah Times staff

INCREASING activity is witnessed nowadays in shopping areas at Salmiya and Kuwait City before the coming of Eid-Al-Fitr.

A hig rush after iftar starts at 7.30 pm every day and does not subside before 12 midnight. Many shoppers who seemed to be in a hurry are preparing themselves to huy their families' needs for Eid.

However, complaints of shoppers pierce one's ears while walking in Salmiya. Many people bemoan the high prices of clothes and shoes that shot up during Ramadan.

A lot of people attributed the rise in prices of many clothes to the merchants' greed for seeking higher profits while the consumer protection department is a complacent spectator.

A ministry employee, Suliman Ca'dan said that he is hesitant to voice his complaints about higher prices of clothes to the concerned authorities, because he will get the same reply - "it is a free market - useless answer as usual," he said.

He added that childrens' clothes shot up this year. "I cannot believe the reason behind selling a dress for 3-year-old child at KD70 in Al Muthanna comA tather of four children, Atiya Jamal, said that the fever of prices that hit fruits and vegetables, has also been reflected in consumer items such as

Jamal added that people should unite and boycott those shops where prices are exorbitant. This will certainly force shop owners to reduce their prices;

A housewife, Raja'a Mitwalli, who was window, shopping said that shoppers should avoid falling prey to high prices hy buying all their needs at least a. month before Ramadan.

Prices of clothes and shoes soared on the advent of the holy month of Ramadan. This price fever will vanish when Eid-Al-Fitr is over," said M. Alawi, a bank employee.

Alawi said that shop owners are making at least? 300 per cent profit from their sales in this period. The time limit urges many people to buy more because they cannot travel abroad for shopping especially

those who have children in schools. With a closer look at the prices now, one finds that prices of clothes for children (age category 2-9 years) ranges from KD20 to KD124. Prices of shoes for children of the age above, range from KD10 to KD43. These prices are now very common in Salmiya area, as discount on such consumer items is not favoured by shop owners.



#### Roobah receives union members

Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Homoud Al Roohan received in his office membars of the hoard of the union of workers of the ministry. They discussed a number of proposals submitted by the union to improve the situation of workers at the ministry. Picture shows Roobah in the centre.

# Call to boost THE Arab Gulf Chambers of

Commerce Union has called for boosting the role of Arab Gulf Marine Shipping companies towards transporting the region's imports.

egion's imports. In a study undertaken on ship ping, the union suggested the for-ming of a union for Arab Gulf-Importers to constitute a lobby in dealing with international shipping groups and to help! stabilize shipping charges. The union called for setting up a new registration system in view of the importance to protect the interests of local importers.

The union further confirmed the importance of setting up a data centre to deal with different cases related to marine shipping in order to provide member states' importers with the necessary data about the shipping

### **NEWS IN** BRIEF

#### Amiri cable

KUWAIT, April 17, (Kuna): His Highness the Amir sent a cahle of congratulations yesterday to the Queen of Denmark Margaret II on the occasion of her country's National Day.

#### Premier's cable

KUWAIT, April 17, (Kuna): His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah sent a cable of congratulations to the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Denmark Poul Schulter on the occasion of his country's

#### Premier receives

KUWAIT. April 17, (Kuna): His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah vesterday granted an audience to Planning and acting Health Minister, Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadhi, and hoard chairman Ahmed Hamad Al Meshari,

Later. His Highness received members of the constituent national assembly and former deputies in part of his "national dialogue" meetings with citizens.

Earlier, Sheikh Saad received representatives of co-operative societies, non-profit agencies, trade unions, shareholding companies, the Olympic committee, sports clubs and federations as well as a group of private citizens and representatives of diwan-

#### Kuwaiti convoys

DAMASCUS, April 17. (Kuna): Sheikh Mubarak Al Faisal Al Sabah, representative at the diwan of Kuwaiti Crown Prince and Premier met here yesterday with Maj.-Gen. Mohammed Bashir Al Najjar, director of the Syrian customs department.

During the talks, the two officials discussed ways of facilitating the crossing of the first convoy of Kuwaiti aid to Lehanon, due to arrive the Dera border post, south of Syria,

today. Najjar also expressed the readiness of all Syrian border authorities to furnish the Kuwaiti convoy with all the services needed.

The convoy, comprising 20 trucks loaded with food and medicine, will be handed over to the Lebanese authorities at the border town of Masna'

#### Chinese minister

KUWAIT, April 17, (Kuna): Social Affairs and Labour Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed Al Jaber met at his office yesterday with the Chinese Minister of Youth and Sports Wu Shao Zu, currently on a visit to the country.

The meeting, attended hy chairman of the Kuwaiti Olympic Committee Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed Al Sahah and China's ambassador to Kuwait discussed issues pertinent to the Asian Olympic Games, due to be held in China in September.

They also discussed hilateral relations and means of boosting them in the fields of youth and

#### Test-tube cameis ABU DHABI, April 17.

(Reuter): The world's first testtube camels could be soon racing across the deserts of the United Arah Emirates. Veterinarians at the Sheikh Khalifa Genetic Research

Laboratory at the oasis of Al Ain in Abu Dhahi said they had fertilised in a test-tube an ovum from an ordinary camel with the sperm from a racing camel. They said the conception was the first involving camels carried

out in a test-tube. The fertilised egg was implanted in the womh of breeding camel three day ago but it would be a year before it gave hirth.

#### Lebanon support

KUWAIT, April 17, (Kuna): Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sahah Al Ahmed yesterday reiterated Kuwait's support to the committee set up by the Arab League to pacity Lehanon.

Speaking to reporters, Sheikh Sabah expressed hope that sisterly countries and superpowers would boost the committee's efforts to achieve peace in warravaged Lebanou.

#### government-owned enterprises since 1987, when he Saudis Full support for deny wheat farmers Iranian accusation

THE director of botanic resources department at the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources Jassem Al Bader said that the department is trying to offer all material and moral support to Kuwaiti farmers to cultivate wheat according to the Amiri desire. The period of

launched a programme to loosen 20 years of tight

socialist control to boost productivity, bolster the

Mismanagement

28,227 beds. There are 28 private clinics with 664

Iraq has about 228 state-owned hospitals with

Service in the state-owned hospitals is generally

Two health ministers have been dismissed over

Iraq has about 1,649 specialist physicians and

The country's elite is treated at Ibn Al Bitar

1,573 general practioners, still well below the num-

ber of physicians under standards established by the

Hospital in Baghdad, run hy an Irish firm. A British

nurse at the hospital, 43-year-old Daphne Parish

was sentenced to 15 years in prison last month for

acting as driver to Farzad Bazoft, a London-based

journalist Iraq executed on spying charges.

poor and there have been complaints about mis-

economy and stimulate private investment.

management in the health sector.

World Health Organisation.

the wheat cultivation experiment is three years.

Bader added that this is the second year for the experiment which is the first of its kind in the country. He added that the experiment cannot be evaluated before the end of the three year period, but indications of

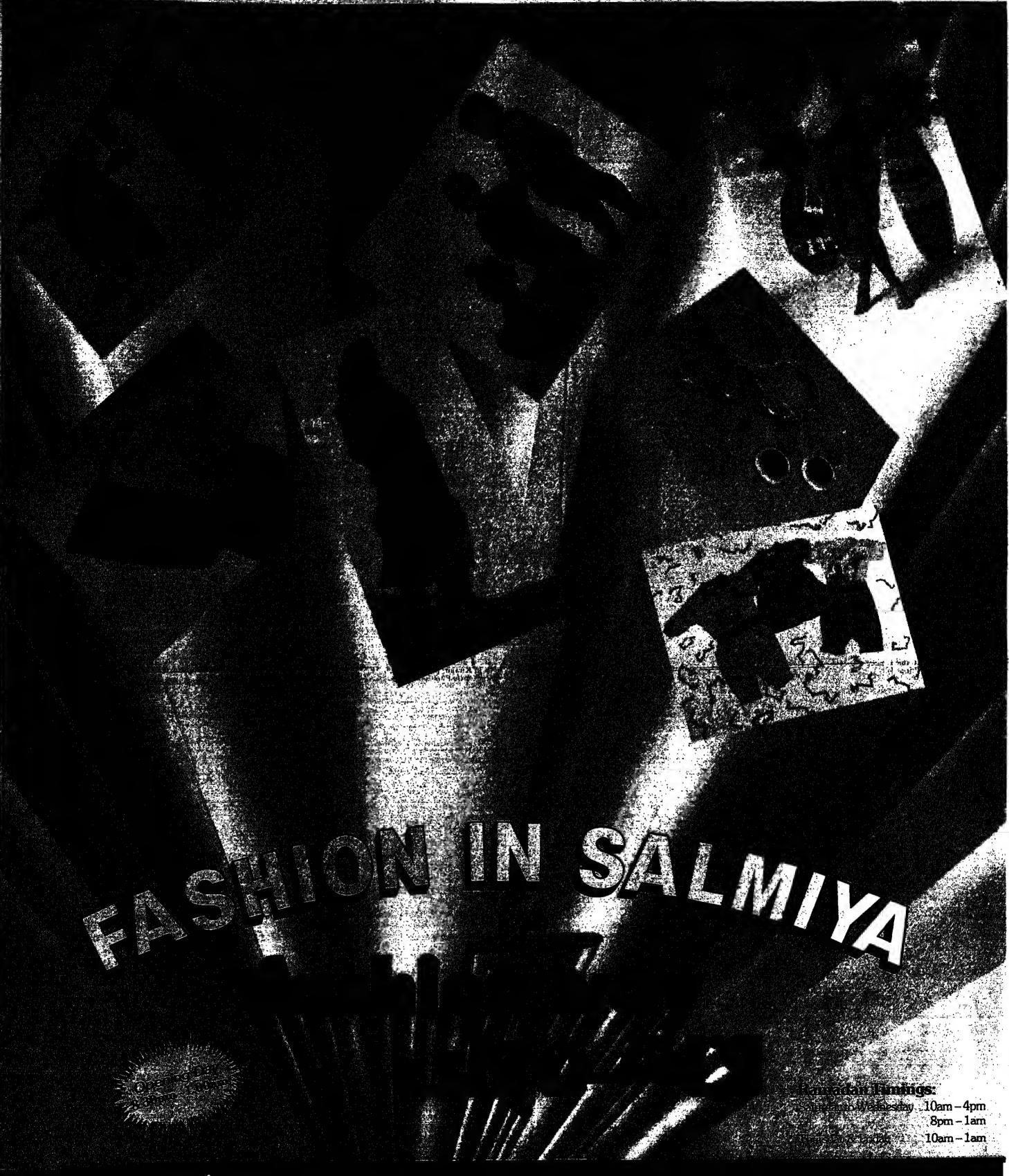
The authority has set up a committee of experts to evaluate the produced wheat and compare it with other qualities of wheat in the world, Bader said. He added that farmers who responded to the appeals to cultivate wheat have increased beside the increase of the cultivated

The evaluation of locally produced wheat of last year proved that the wheat was good and the percentage of protein high. But small stones in the wheat created a problem. This problem can be solved by increasing the awareness of farmers. Bader said. He added that the experiment will be successful if farmers abide hy instructions. He also said experiments on Kuwaiti sand have shown that all kinds of vegetables can be

The managing director of Agricultural Foodstuffs Products Com-pany Khaled Al Usman commenting on the wheat experiment said that the company helped farmers cultivate about 6 hectares in the beginning which was productive. The area was increased to 10 hectares this year. The farms of the company are considered that higgest in cultivating. wheat among other farms. He added that experiment has achieved good success.

A farmer Salem Al Qahtani said he cultivated a part of his farm with wheat which provided an unexpected harvest. But he added that wheat needs special care like fertilisers and plenty of water beside protectionfrom cold and humidity. He thanked the government for the guidance and support to farmers.

However he appealed to the state to increase the huying price of local wheat because this wheat is of the best quality. He added that the same quality of wheat is sold in Saudi farms for 2 rivals a kilo (160 fils) while Kuwaiti farmers sell it for 120 fils a kilo.



# Cosmetics promotions

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Knowing, Beautiful

with every purchase of KD15, a free "Clinique pouch"

V.I.P. samples for every purchase of Knowing.

Beautiful

Eancôme – with every purchase of KD10, a free "Lancome vanity case", with different skin care samples

Rochas

with every purchase of KD10 a free "Femme Purse"

Elizabeth - with every purchase of KD10, free gifts Arden, Montell, Decisor

Lancaster, Fendi, Y.S.L., Stendhal

**Givenchy,** - free gifts of cosmetics sets, make up sets, lipsticks, Catherine Deneuve bags, Opium bags, body cream and many more with every purchase

# **ARAB@TIMES**

Thought for today

TO LIVE is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, and that is all - Oscar Wilde, Irish-born writer

# **Declaration stays**

# Lithuania won't budge

MOSCOW, (Reuter): Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev seems to

have only one thing to say to Lithuania — a resounding "nyet". The more Lithuanian leaders appeal for Western support and complain about intimidation, the more bluntly he repeats his demand

 repeal the Mar 11 declaration of independence.
 One month later there is no sign of a way out of the impasse. The Baltic republic will not back down and Gorbachev cannot afford to. analysts in Moscow say.

His troubles are legion. Separatist unrest is growing from Estonia to Azerbaijan, the people are increasingly angry about the shambles of their economy and conservatives and Russian chauvinists are on the

So far it is mainly the West's conception of Gorbachev as a sort of liberal that has suffered from his hard line. Liberals do not normally send tanks rolling through cities in the middle of the night or troops to take over public buildings by force.

Warned

The United States has warned it might link his handling of Lithuania to trade concessions. But in general Western governments have limited themselves to restrained expressions of concern.

"Our governments' first priority is that the East-West thaw should continue," a Western diplomat commented. But every time Gorbachev browbeats the rebel Baltie republic, the

pressure from Western electorates grows.

The latest threat came on Tuesday when the 59-year-old Soviet leader said he might impose direct presidential rule on Lithuania if there

Gorbaehev has said repeatedly he would avoid using force to bring Lithuania to beel, According to an opinion poll reported on Wednesday by a Soviet newspaper, 73 per cent of the Lithuanians questioned take him at his word.

Foreign analysts in Moscow are externely cautious about trying to interpret Gorbachev's mouves. But his plans for radical economic reforms to transform the creaking

Soviet economy along market lines seem to be his overwhelming priority at present. This will mean a lot more pain before it yields

While Lithuania's independence bid has won sympathy in other, nationalistic republics, only a few radicals in Russia itself have come out in support.

Dominated

Russia has dominated its smaller neighbours since well before the 1917 communist revolution. The response there has ranged from indifference to outright chauvinism.

Gorbachev's popularity in the Russian heartland bas been sinking with the fall in living standards. A strong stance against secessionist Balts. Georgians or Moldavians could well yield him dividends in

political capital to help push his ambitious reforms through.

The tough talk should also calm the military, nervous about pending armed forces reforms and outraged by the Lithuanian government's encouragement of deserters.

It is clearly intended too as a warning to anyone tempted to follow the Lithuanians' example. So far none of the republics has.

Estonia's Parliament announced a more cautious step-by-step path to independence, Latvia's has yet to pronounce.

The Lithuanians, by the strength of some of their attacks on the Kremlin, have also made it difficult for Gorbachev to make concessions without losing face.

President Vytautas Landsbergis told a Polish newspaper on Tuesday Gorbacbev was strangling Lithuania like an anaconda.

"Some of the rhetoric, especially from Landsbergis, has embarrassed and humiliated the Moscow leadership," one analyst said. "Gorbachev cannot back down, he can't afford to."

Important One possibly important factor is the man himself. A Russian from

Stavropol north of the Caucasus, he has shown no sign of comprehending the power of nationalist feeling among the minorities or why people want to quit the Soviet Union. "He doesn't understand the psychology of nationalism. Like every

good socialist he looks at all questions in terms of economic rationality - once "perestroika' works, all this nationalism will go away," a foreign analyst commented.

But for most Lithuanians, the overwhelming imperative is regaining the independence they lost when the Red Army moved in in 1940. At present it is hard to see how the two sides could come to the

negotiating table. But given the speed of change in the Soviet Union over the past few months, few punters are putting money on any

One analyst suggested the dispute could bumble along without any firm action by either side until passions subsided somewhat. "Amonth, two months from now, depending on events in other parts of the country, things could change."

Gorbachev, however, does not seem content to let things slide. "He's continually ratcheting up the pressure," another commented. "It's really quite hard to fathom what he is up to."

Everyone should be very cautious about speculating," a Scandinavian diplomat warned. "You don't know what is going to happen

### TODAYIN HSTGIY

1663 — Turks declare war against Holy Roman Emperor Leopold I. 1797 — Austria and France sign preliminary peace at Loeben.

1864 — Danish forces are defeated at Duppel, and German troops invade Denmark.

1906 - Earthquake rocks San Francisco, California, touching off fires that almost destroy city, and about 700 people perish. 1912 - Turkey announces closure of Dardanelles Straits to

shipping.

1927 — Split develops in Kuomintang Party between Chiang Kai-Shek and radical elements. 1942 — US bombers led by Lieutenant General James Doolittle

attack Tokyo and other Japanese cities in World War II. 1949 - Republic of Eire is formally proclaimed in Dublin. 1957 — Representatives of Burma, Ceylon, India, Indonesia

Iraq, Japan and Syria attend first meeting in New Delhi of Asian legal consultative committee. 1962 — West Indies federation is terminated.

1965 — Uganda becomes first non-communist nation to join Soviet Union in formal denunciation of US involvement in

1976 - About 40,000 Israelis march into occupied West Bank area of Jordan, demanding that Israel annex the territory. 1986 — Angry crowds form outside American embassies throughout world as backlash continues against US attack on

1988 - US Navy destroys two offshore Iranian oil platforms, bombs two Iranian Navy frigates in retaliation for mine

explosion that damaged US frigate. 1989 — Four masked Arab youths in occupied Jerusalem fatally stab Palestinian woman suspected of collaborating with

ETI-OSA, Nigeria, (Reuter): "If we stay at home and no-one comes forward, our country will go on dying," said Udemoh Udoren, collecting his party He has outlawed thousands of former politicians membership card from a government-run registraand banned embryonic parties he said exhibited all

Political process under test

The 45-year-old farmer had just joined the rightist National Republican Convention (NRC), one of two parties created by military President Ibrahim Babangida as part of his plan to hand power in Africa's most populous nation to civilians by 1992.

tion centre.

Neither it nor the slightly left of centre Social Democratic Party (SPD) had any members until enrolment began on March 26.

They still have no leaders, and both their programmes were written by Babangida's Armed Forces Ruling Council.

Defying most predictions, millions of Nigerians have responded to a massive campaign urging them to "be a player not a watcher", rushing to enlist in the country's first political electoral process sine

After living under military rule for 20 of their 30 years of independence, many appear convinced their future should not be left in the hands of

"The military see comps as a route to wealth and power," said Ahubakar Rimi, former civilian gover-nor of northern Kano State who was jailed after the

"We now know for sure the military are not our saviours," said journalist Stanley Macebuh. 'No matter how bad a civilian regime is, at least they have no guns and they have to go back to the

people for re-election."

Babangida aims to hand over to civilians elected under what he terms a grass roots two party

democratic system. It is a unique experiment in political engineering, tightly controlled by the military.

Given the country's size, influence and economic power, its success or failure in creating a stable democracy could have repercussions elsewhere in Africa. One in every four Africans is a Nigerian. Babangida is demanding a complete break with religious bigotry, electoral fraud and violence, and the rivalry between Nigeria's three main ethnic groups which led to a traumatic civil war in 1967-70.

Nigerians respond to Babangida's call

The same of the sa

the old vices. Some Nigerians are sceptical about Babangida's

"It will be a long time before Nigeria says farewell to military rulers," said Rimi, who is one of those banned.

"This transition process amounts to rigging of future elections so that those who take over will be innocuous people who will call on Babangida to stay," he said.

Others are convinced the general means business. Replace

They see the new parties as a chance to replace identification on grounds of ethnic background or religion with alhances based on ideas and issues.

"For the first time, progressives are uniting to face the traditional conservative block," said Segun Osoba, a leading political figure who supports the

He said although the predominantly Muslim north and the mainly Christian sough might be the launching pad for NRC and SDP respectively, reproducing past alignments, both would draw sup-port from all parts of the country.

The more than 200 minority ethnic groups could

well play a key role.

"The important thing in future will be to balance sectional interests with national interests, and to run an electoral process in which one party can hand over to another without rancour and bitterness, Osoba said.

According to press reports from the 5,575 wards around the country, such questions have been far from the minds of many of the largely illiterate

"I chose the 'white' party because my heart has always been pure and white," said Udoren, referring to his white NRC membership card. The SDP has

been allocated the colour green.

Some of those who enrolled thought they were

registering to vote, collecting a tax exemption certificate, or ensuring their childrens' right to school-

Others have followed the instructions of landlords or employers who threatened reprisals for disobedience.

Turnout

The surprisingly large turnout to register has been put down to clandestine political influence, in breach of the government's campaign calling on people to "join the party of your choice, don't be

Former governor Rimi was frank about the

"Those of us who have the privilege of leading the people laugh when the government says we will have no hand in the transition process. Millions will consult me before they decide which party to choose," he said.

Onwuka Kalu, a businessman who led one of the disbanded organisations and is now on the sidelines, said at least 60 per cent of those involved in the parties Babangida scrapped were still active.

"They are busy mobilising their supporters to join either SDP or NRC," he said.

In Lagos state, police arrested 13 people in the first two weeks of the exercise for allegedly coercing or misleading others. Sceptics say Babangida's guided democracy will be a tragic waste of an estimated two billion naira

(\$250 million) being spent on almost 1,000 local, state and national party offices, a centre for democratic studies and other items. But for others, the money will be well spent if only

the party members can proceed peacefully from choosing their leaders at congresses scheduled for July, through local elections in December to a military withdrawal to barracks in October 1992.

Political commentator Femi Sonaike said the military would go through with the programme, despite flaws in its implementation, partly because of the threat of social upheaval if it were halted. "The cost of not going through with it is just too

ebanon, more political power.

Christian enclave.

including the LF.

modation with Hirawi.

OF BEING PASSIVE

The sources said the committee asked Hrawi to

accept Geagea's invitation to take over Aoun-

barracks captured by the LF and station his own

troops there in order to extend his authority into the

Hirawi appointed an officer on Monday to do so.

Geagea forecast on Tuesday that the west Beirut-

based government would extend its authority over.

all LF-held territory within weeks, in what would be

a severe sorback for Aoun.
The sources said the committee also asked Hirawi

to expand his cabinet to include all political parties,

Lebanon, probably Algerian mediator Lakhdar

Ibrahimi, in a bid to persuade Aoun to join the peace

process in the light of the military impasse.

Aoun on Saturday ruled out any political accom-

... PRUDENT TO THE POINT

The Committee agreed to send an envoy to

## Normalcy could return to Lebanon

# Peace plan chances improve

tians and Iraq's need for Arab support against the West have revived hopes for an end to the country's civil war, which enters its 16th year this week.

Sources close to an Arab League committee on Lebanon, which ended three days of talks in Rabat on Sunday, said changes on the ground in Lebanon and in regional allegiances had breathed new life into an Arab-backed peace plan unveiled in October.

Christian Gen Michel Aoun bas blocked the implementation of the plan agreed by Lebanese deputies in Taif, Saudi Arabia, because it failed to ensure a total Syrian pullout of its 40,000 troops

Inconclusive

But Aoun's inconclusive war against his one-time allies in the Lebanese Forces (LF) militia had weakened his position and driven Christian politicians who had stood on the fence into the arms of Syrianbacked President Elias Hirawi

The sources said that Aoun had not only lost the support of his Christian political allies since he launched his war against the LF in January, but also that of Iraq, the only Arab country to back him.

They said Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz told the committee Baghdad had severed virtually all its links with Lebanon's Christians, whom it supported to counter Syria's influence in Lebanon. Aziz denounced Christian in-fighting to the com-

mittee, made up of the foreign ministers of Algeria, Morocco and Saudi Arabia. He said Iraq's senior diplomat in Lebanon had been moved from Christian east Beirut to Cyprus.

Iraq, Syria's Arab arch-foe, had been Aoun's main foreign backer and arms supplier since 1988.

Backing

The sources said Iraq broke with Aoun as it sought broader Arab backing against Israeli and Western charges that President Saddam Hussein was stockpiling chemical weapons and trying to build a nuclear bomb.

LF leader Samir Geagea on Tuesday pledged to hand over LF-controlled areas of the Christian enclave to Hirawi, who was elected in November under the Taif plan which envisages political reforms meant to appease Lebanon's Muslim Aoun rejected the plan and has defiantly occupied the battered Baabda presidential palace overlook-

ing east Beirut. Syria, which angered Iraq by backing non-Arab Iran in the eight-year Gulf war, has now joined other Arabs in defending Baghdad against Western outrage at Hussein's statement that Iraq possessed chemical arms and could use them against Israel.

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara told the committee in Rabbat that fighting among Lebanon's Christians was unfortunate but served the Taif pact well as both Christian hardliners Aoun and Geagea were weakened, the sources said.

But they quoted Shara as saying that Syria was unwilling to intervene militarily in the Christian enclave unless asked to do so by Lebanon and the Arab and international communities, the sources

Curb

Regional press reports have spoken of a secret annex to the Taif agreement under which Syria had pledged to curb Iran's influence in Lebanon in apparent response to Iraqi and Gulf Arab pressure.

The sources said, however, that Shara told the committee that since the start of the inter-Christian fighting, Iran and its fundamentalist allies in Lebanon had toned down their opposition to

Taif pact.
Tehran had criticised the Taif plan for failing to

SIR-THERE'S A PERCEPTION THAT YOU'RE OVERLY CAUTIOUS ...









## **Dying civilization**

SIR: Dr Mehdi's letter titled "Political system" did its job of condemning the already condemned but despite its academic grandiose it has failed to describe the whole truth. He has talked about "body politicactively impaired deficiency syndrome." The fact is that life in itself is a complete unit and it cannot be isolated into political, economic and other sections. What we are watching today, to use the phrase of Winstoo Churchill, is the druzzle of civilizations and not the mere failure of certain political systems. Why it is so that the societies created by the so-called healthy political systems on our globe are suffering from Aids. What about the health of a political system that survives only because of mutually assured complete destruction. Even this survival would prove short-lived because German political scientists have calculated that if the nuclear weapons continue to exist for three hundred years, chances of the human race being destroyed by accidental ouclear war would reach one

nundred per cent. How healthy is the political system that creates a society that burns its forests with acid rain, pollutes its ocean and creates a situation where first time in known history human race finds itself standing at the brink of

complete destructioo.

The industrial civilization has brought us to a point

where we could die of sudden starvation, because modern agriculture has eliminated the local staples and today the whole human race lives oo the production of only a dozen plants. If a system creates great wars, fear of nuclear holocaust, an international debt crisis, which consequently eats away food of the Third World children, destroys Amazoo jungle and creates greenhouse effect, it must be suffering from a disease more deadly than the so-called Bp-Aids.

Imperialism Continued transfer of resources to the West and the pressures created by consumerism have tied the Eastern states and societies with the West which forces the Third World to accept West's cultural, political and social imperialism. French society's outrage against scarf or hijab of Muslim girls and at the same time Frenchinsistence to promote its fashions in the Muslim world is a minor example of the West's arrogant

domination.

Moreover Eastern societies have to live with the poverty created by imperial exploitation and remnants of its own fendal institutions. Both are the part of a one dying civilization but the West has the support system of technology and the blood drained from the East through a hrutal international economic order.

That is why Eastern societies are showing greater signs of political instability. If the East is suffering from political instability and ecocomic backwardness the West is destroying itself with Aids, acid rains, nuclear race, drugs and consumerism which would be impossi-

If we develop a comparative chart of the sections of life, suffering the Aids symptoms, in the East and the West, the latter would outnimber the former. In the worst case, if a million die in a political civil war, one could hope that rest would survive as the fighting parties could reach a compromise or one party could emerge victor. But if Aids overpowers a society, only the disease will be the victor and the proud civilization

which created it would be vanquished.

Civilization given birth by the first Industrial Revolution has failed. Honest intellectuals in the West have realised it and Greens and other movements want to escape the ultimate destruction. Let our American trained intellectuals show some courage, stage an uprising or "intifada," stop working for a dying civiliza-tion and lead the East and West to the civilization, which is peace for all the living.

Khalil Malik,

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# Israelis tired of political system

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (UPI): Two Israelis on a hunger strike against the country's endless rounds of political bargaining have touched a nerve in tens of thousands of their countrymen and sent a message to the politicians.

"We're fed up." Israelis came from all over the country to support — and a few to argue with Avi Kadish and Shahar Ben Meir, army reserve officers who held their fast across from

They told the hunger strikers they, too, were tired of smaller parties, especially the ultra-orthodox religious factions, controlling the fate of coalitions, lecturing secular Jews on how to live and then tripling their allotments from the

They were sickened and embarassed by politicians abandoning their parties for better offers from rival factions or threatening to. leave if they did not receive financial guarantees of millions of dollars.

Strike Within 10 days, more than 20 Israelis were on a hunger strike and the frustrations erupted into a national movement to change israel's

"What happened in the last weeks was a total betrayal of the public trust entrusted in the politicians," said Uriel Reichman, dean of Tel-Aviv University's Law School. "What they have done ruined the remnants of the trust of

the people of the country."
In Tel Aviv April 7, an estimated 190,000 Israelis packed the Kings of Israel Square and spilled into nearby streets for the largest demonstration since a protest against the 1982 massacre of Palestinians in Lebanon's Sabra-

and Shatila refugee camps.

The protesters came with what one Israeli commentator called an ingrained sense of proprietorhip over the country crossing political lines and many demonstrating for the

Placards called politicians thieves and prostitutes and warned them that "democracy is not for sale." A red computerised sign before the crowd flashed "enough."

Israelis vote for national lists and not individual candidates, creating a system where major parties must secure the support of the minor parties to form a ruling coalition. Past electoral reform proposals have failed and were largely ignored by the public, which is gove demanding direct election of the prime utail

Collapse

Renewed calls for reform, prompted by intense political horse trading following ast month's collapse of Yitzhak Shamin's government, also are rooted in frustration over Israel's difficulty in handling the Palestinian uptising, the stalemated peace process, the flood of Soviet immigrants, continued Israeli emigra-

tion, and troubled economy.... "First they came by drops: Now there is a flood: old people, fighters; youth, "Kadish told the huge crowd in Tel Aviv." What hurt most were the mothers afraid of their children leaving the country."

calling for a referendum to choose a new electoral system, more than 200,000 people have signed petitions. If nothing is changed soon; organisers of the grassroots campaign that blossomed around the hunger strikers want at least 500,000 Israelis to bessege Israel's Parliament, the Knesset, on Independence Day, April 30.

prit M. ancellation of Wednesday's special ses sion of the Knesset may fuel the people's frus-trations. Two ultra-orthodox Knesset members dashed Labour leader Shimon Peres' plans for approval of his government with their lastminute refusal to support the coalition he craf-

ted with difficulty.

Hunger striker David Meital, whose son died
in a 1988 clash in Lebanon, said he liad been brought up to serve his country.

"My father came in 1916. He educated us for Zionism and we always did the most," Meital said. "Suddenly all the significance of my life was losing its framework. People are only thinking of money and political seat."

Aund the public campaign for change, there are voices of caution. Israel has no constitution

or bill of rights and change should not be rammed through, said Yitzhak Gainoor, a political scientist at occupied Jerusalem's Hebrew University.

Galnoor, who supports changing the system gradually, said the uproar also was "perhaps a way of avoiding the main forces."

way of avoiding the main issue ... the intifada and the peace process."
"On this issue, Israeli society is still divided,"
Galnoor said of the peace process. "So instead of really taking the Israeli dilemma by the horns and really coping with the main question, people are looking for something that seems to be more acceptable."

Underlying the public anger at political infidelity and religious party tirades against secular Jews are the daily wornes of Israelis and deep patriotism. Meital tells the story of a young Israeli army major thinking of leaving

tries is being decided now, in Lithuania Our fight for freedom is common. The Popular Front of Estonia turns to all enterprises, organisations, movements, unions and individuals and asks them to be ready to support the Lithuanian people both morally and in material aid."

Statement issued by the Popular Front movement of

"Only a great champion travels the world. Most of the others just at home, but I come into people's back yards and beat them up. That's the only way you can prove you're the greatest." Mike McCallum on his title defence against Briton Michael Watson.

"Artificially and illicitly provoked by the Lithmanian leadership, the issue of the republic's position in the federal state tightens into an ever tighter knot." Gorbachev and Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov in a letter to the Lithman.

"Milan and Napoli have the same chances. I would like the sitle to be decided by a playoff. The Cup of champions must stay in Italy." Maradona on the Italian League and wishing A.C. Milan wins the European Champions Cup.

"The conditions under which these elections were prepared were not democratic since we did not have the means to compete in such a short time."

An official of one of the small newcomers, the communist avant-garde Socialist Party on Algeria's first free elections.

### Jews get green light to move into Nablus

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 17, (AP): Jewish activists charged yesterday that they were targets of horrifying anti-semitism" because their more intu a building complex in occupied Jerusalem's Arab Christian quarier drew angry protests from residents, clergy and the mayor

The 150-member group moved into a 72-room complex near the Church of the Holy Sepulcher under police guard last week. The activists are appealing an exiction order issued by a occupied Jerusalem court on behalf of the building owners, the Greek Orthodox Church.

Also yesterday, Israeli legislatur Dedi Zucker acciked Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir of exploiting the period of political ancertainty during the formation of a new government to step up Jewish settlement activity in the occupied West Bank and Gaza each

Strip. Shamir approved preparations for four more settlements and gave the green light for Jews to more into the West Bank city of Nablus and to enlarge the Jewish presence in the West Bank town of Hehron, Zucker of the Citizens Rights Movement told the Associated Press.

Shamir is using the fact that he

has nobody to argue with inside the government," said Zucker, referring to the left-learning Labour Party which wants to slow down the page of settlements.

Labour ruled jointly with Shamir's right-wing Likud bloc, but left the coalition last munth before uppling the guvernment March 15. As a result, Labour is not in the transition government.

Shamir spokesman Yossi Ahimeir refused to confirm or deny Zucker's charges. "Mr Zucker is the one who is acting against the national needs of our state, and I don't want to react tu stlements by this man, "Altimeir told the AP.

Since capturing the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the 1967 Middle East war, Israel has huilt 143 settlements which are home to about 75,000 Jews. About 1.7 million Palestiniaos hive in the occupied lands.

A Palesuman diplomat says a

Palestinian-Soviet Jews dialogue will be conducted on Thursday and Friday in the Soviet capital, where mediamen and politicians from both sides will participate.
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ing exclusively to Kuwaiti duily, described the dialogue as an attempt to "listen and let nthers listen away A delegation of Arah foreign ministers will go to Moscow next month, before the US-Soviet sum-mit, to voice their concern over the mass emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel, an Arab League source said

yesterday. Vladimir Poliakov, Soviet viceminister of foreign affairs in charge of the Near East, discussed the visit with Arab League Secretary-General Chedli Klibi, the source said.

A Muslim businessman said he offered \$7.5 million to 150 Jews who controversially settled in the Christian quarter of occupied Jerusalem's old city over Easter for their lease on

the disputed property.
"We have problems and I say I have money." said occupied Jerusalem businessman Zukaria Julani, 48. "I don't want problems so I spoke to them (the settlers) on Saturday night and they said they'd give my proposal consideration."

# **Ethiopian** rebels big

of Shoa province last week.
A spokesman for the rebel Tigra,
People's Liberation Front (TPLI) said rebet forces attacked Karakore on the main road north from Addis Ababa to Dessie, capital of Wollo

Reuters by telephone from London the TPLF and its allies attacked two

On Friday rebel forces attacked the nearby fown of Degaga, killing [5] government troops and captur-

ing 200.

The rebels also captured many weapons and, for the first time. Isracli-made Moterela long-distance

radios, he said

in the capital announced convoys bearing emergency food relief for starving Ethiopians were moving further into war-torn areas following months spent negotiating arrangements with the government and

rebel forces. A convoy of 55 trucks carrying relief supplies left the Wollo city uf Dessic, bound for the provincial capital of neighbouring Tigre province, Mekelle. 380 kms (238 miles) further north, church spokes-

man said in Addis Ababa. Seven other trucks, all fitted with long distance fuel tanks, will dis-

tribute food in outlying areas.
Three Ethiopian-based church groups were recently granted permissinn by both the government and the Tigre to distribute emergency sup-plies in Wollo and Tigre provinces.

The TPLF claims to control north-Hasan, who lives in the shantytown of Sukhneh ern Wollo and most of Tigre, and has 50 km (30 miles) from Amman, faces a common in the past few months been distributing foreign-donated relief and itself.

# 'Libya seized hostages'

#### Not by Apu Nidal group, says French newspaper

PARIS, April 17, (AP) The three hostages freed in Bertan last week were captured in 1986 by the Library Navy, not by Palestinian commandor in 1957 as has been claimed, the prominent new spaper Le Monde reported vesterday

Le Monde's items-page story, which gave no specific sources, endorsed suggestions made in other I reach publications last week as questions close about the release of French woman Jacqueline Valente, her Belgian companion Fer-

Iraq, Syria accord

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It is a principonal accord un me sharing of Euphrales

waters of the Sylan Turksh fromer pending the con-clusion of a denite agreement between Turkey, Syria and

had," Syriam ega: expert Mourilo Aintai (shown tell) told

Raufication documents were exchanged by Arritar, who

Shamir," a reference to the leader of Israel's main right-wing party.

"I know that President Bush and James Baker have good intentions," Araful said.

hand Houtekins and their daughtet.

The report could increase pressure on the Liench government to reveal more details about the release, for which it effusively thanked Libya's leader, Col Moammar Khaddali.

Fatah-Revolutionary Council, a Labyan-backed Palesuman faction headed by Abu Nidal, claimed in November 1987 that it had seized a vacht carrying suspected pro-Israeli spies in the Mediterrane in between Cyprus and Lebanon.

is chief of the Synan Municipys legal generiment, and

Hanaid Alware Middleboure (chown right) the Itage ambos-

Syria and hag projected earlier this year when Turkey

Iraq and Syria, long-standing ideological foes, are ruled

by invallactions of the Baath Party, Shown at continus Arab League General Secretary Chodic Kebbi. (Peuter wite-

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ild upstroom Euphrates waters for a month to fill the

sador in Tunys

Arafat accuses US

of backing Shamir

Bush, Baker praised

AMMAN, April 17, (AP): PLO chairman Yasser Arafat charged today that US officials had blocked

attempts by Israel's Labour Party to form a government.

But the Palestine Liberation Organization leader praised US President George Bush and Secretary of State James Baker for "good intentioos" in the region.

Arafat said Israeli Labour Party leader Shimon Peres "did not succeed in forming a government because

there are some circles within the US administration which do not want Peres and instead they want (Yitzhak)

Arafat made the comments to reporters at Jordan's guest palace shortly after his arrival in Amman late

Absend were MS Valente, two of her daughters who were freed in 1988, Houtekins, and four mem-bers of his family who are still held while Abo Nidai demands the release of a Palestinian prisoner in

Le Monde said it appeared the boat actually was captured by the Lihyan Navy in 1986 to waters between Malta and Lihya's Gulf of Sidra. It said Khaddali later decided to ask Abu Nidal's group to



BEIRUT, April 17, (AP): Shiite Muslim militia allies of Syria 200 iron fought savage street battles in West Beirut today and rival Christian militia forces skirmished with automatic rifles in the city's exstern sector.

Police said at least two neonle were killed and 15 wounded in the carly morning fighting between Hezbollah, and the Syrianbacked Amal.

Amal, in n communique. blamed the confrontation on Hezboliah, saying the party's zealots attacked its offices in the densely populated Bourj Abn-Haidar dis-trict at 4 am (0200 GMT) with hand grenades and machine guns.

"The aggression spread quickly to other districts of West Beirut," the Amal statement said. It said the command of Syrian troops in charge of security in West Beirut was "informed of the hostile acts by Hezbollab. The Syrians promised to deplny patrols in the disputed districts to

Hezbollah blamed the escalation on Arnal saying the clashes "reflected the bad intentions that the Amal leadership has against the Muslim majahedeen (holy fighters)."

Prime Minister Salim Hoss, a Sunni Muslim, pleaded with both factions to "stop fighting immediately and have mercy on the population."

Amal, in a statement, said it ordered its fighters to cease fire unitaterally, in line with Premier

Hoss' appeal." at 10 am (0800 GMT). But a police spokesman said the fighting persisted despite the call.

He said the Syrians started deploying foot patrols in the dispated districts of Bourj Abn-Haidar, Nowairi and Ras El-Nabaaasof9:15am (0715GMT). but the clashes persisted.

"Fighters of the two factions maintained their positions on rooftnps and entrances to npartment buildings. They stop shooting when Syrian soldiers arrive. but resume clashes the moment the Syrian patrol leaves the area," the police spokesman said.

"It's a cat-and-mouse game," said the spokesman, who cannot be named in line with regulations. The clashes broke out one day after unidentified assailants shot and killed Ali Abu Hassan, Amal's chief in West Beirut's

Zokak Blat district. Amal blamed Abu Hassan's killing on Hezbollah and its fighters carried out a series of house raids in West Beirut overnight capturing Hezbollah members in

apparent revenge.
As the clashes raged in the narrow alleys of Bourj Abu-Haidar, the voice of the nation, the mnin Muslim radlo station, broadcast repeated appeals from civilians for a ceasefire.

"They are fighting in our building. We have children here. Please, please ask the Syrians to intervene and stop this massacre," said Fatima Haidar in a telephone contact with Voice of the Nation.

Hezbollak and the more secular Amai have been lighting on-and-ns for more than two years for dominance of the 1.2 million Shiites, the largest sect in a nation of four million people.

M Meanwhile, troops of Gen. Michei Anna and fighters of Samir Geagea's Lebanese Forces militia skirmished intermittently with automatic rifles in Christian East Beirut. No casualties were reported.



#### Looking for customers

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Egyptian Hussem El Mantawy, 17, wanders around the Giza pyramids hoping to find customers wanting donkey rides on Sham El Nassim (shifting the breeze) spring feast on April 16 Each year thousands of Egyptians jam the pylamids area to celebrate the 7 000-year old Phataonic lestival heralding the start of spring. But this year it coincided with the holy lasting month of Ramadan when Muslims remain without food or drink from dawn to dusk. (Reuter wirephoto)

#### **MIDEAST BRIEFS**

Egypt ambassssador arrives: Egyptis new ambassador to Syria, the first since Damascus ruptured ties in 1977 over the Egyptian-Israeli peace negotiations, presented his credentials Monday, Ambassador Mustapha Abdul-Aziz Mursi's credentials were accepted by the Sydan Foreign

Minister, Farouk Al Sharaa The official Syrian Arab News Agency said the two discussed means of improving relations between the two countries as well as developments in the Arab

Hekmatyar to mend split: Radical Afghan rebel leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar said on Monday he was talking with other rebel chiefs about meeding a breach in their ranks.

He told repoolers face-to-face and indirect talks had begun and said there was a chance of an accord on holding elections to a grand council or Shura of around 2,500 Afghans.

Hekmatyar walked out of his job as foreign mini-

ster of the Afghan Interim Government [AIG] based in Pakistan last August and bas since fought a war of words with his former colleagues. (Reuter)

Seeks to avert Aden split: Ali Salem Al Beidh, leader of the ruling Yemeni Socialist Paoy, was locked in a closed-door session with the paoy's politburo Monday seeking to contain an emerging

Al Beidh has in recent months opened up South Yemen, the Arab world's only avowedly Marxist state, in line with the reforming policies of Aden's

Soviet mentors.
It was been moving toward union with neighbouring conservative North Yemen. [AP]

Polisario rebels may resume war: Polisario's top guerrilla commander said on Monday fighting with Morocco could flare up agaio in the western Sahara at the end of the Muslim holy month

of Ramadan in 10 days.

Brahim Ghali, former defence minister of the Polisario's self-declared Sahrawi republic, said his forces might be forced to end a unilateral ceasefire because of what he called Morocco's intraosigence. (Reuter)



Peace talks

Visiting Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Polyakov (right) on Monday told Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi (leht), Moscow was intensitying contacts with the Arab world for activating the Middle East peace process.

The Soviet official told reporters after the meeting

with the League's chief executive that he stressed to Klibi the Kremlin's belief that the peace process must caler to the interests of all parties concerned and to

Arens puts off Bulgaria visit: Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens has postponed plans to visit Bulgaria to sign an agreement restoring diplomatic relations, the Foreign Ministry said on

Call to close Tunisia bars, hotels: Muslim fundamentalists say they would like to see

Tunisia's botels and bars closed down.
"A Muslim country should neither sell nor encourage the consumption of alcohol." Ali Laardin, the leader of the Tunisian Islamic fundamentalist movement Nahdha, was quoted as saying in the newspaper Le Temps-Hebdo. (Reuter)

Malaria cases up in Sudan: The tack of mosquito spray in Sudan has caused a sharp upsurge in the number of mularia cases, especially in camps near Khao our housing people displaced by the long

# Democracy in jeopardy

#### Algeria vows to get tough

ALGIERS, April 17, (Remert: The Algerian government on Sunday night vowed to use the full power of the law to preserve public order and a mascent democracy (breatened by mounting labour and Muslim fundamentalist unrest. An angry government statement said recent statements by the official labour union Ugta and the powerful opposition Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) were "dangerous deviations that threaten social stability and the emerging

The statement, reported by the Algerian news agency APS, came hours after the FIS approunced a mass march on the presidential palace on Friday to press political demands, likely to include the dissolution of parliament.

The FIS is the main opposition challenger to the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) in June town and provincial elections-independence history

#### Communists first meeting with Hussein

AMMAN, April 17, (Reuter): Leaders of Jordan's Communist Party, enjoying a new era of political freedom, have had their first meeting with King Hussein in more than three decades, an official said vesterday.

Ya couh Zayadine, the party's secretary-general, told Reuters the two-hour meeting with the King on Sunday was their first since 1957, when the monarch banned all political parties after leftist groups tried to overthow

"We had a very interesting and useful discussion," he said. Leading party members attended the meeting with the King, Crown Prince Hassan and Royal Court

chief Shaof Zeid Bin Shaker. Jordan has not officially lifted the ban but allowed party leaders to run as individuals in Novem-

ber in the first nation-wide gen-eral parliamentary elections in 22 Issa Mdunut represents the

Communist Party in the new 80-

#### and other officials to discuss the peace process and other issues. He said the main lopic would be the threat of Soviet Jewish immigra-tion to Israel and the Israeli-occupied "We will discuss (Israeli) threats offensive against our Arab national security and primarily the threats of the Soviet Jewish immigration oot only against Palestine but also against the woole Arab nation," Arafat said. He called on Arab leaders to meet soon to discuss "what each be done to

Monday night.

our homeland.

But he said there were "certain

soon to discuss "what can be done to

Meanwhile, Sweden's Foreign

Minister Step Andersson arrived in Cairo yesterday for a meeting with

Palestine Liberatioo Organization chairman Yasser Arafat to discuss

how to facilitate establishment of a

Andersson is also scheduled to

meet bis Egyptian counterpart, Esmat Abdel-Meguid today for the

same purpose before leaving for Tun-

The Sweden official told airport

reporters that Arafat was expected momentarily but the PLO leader

showed up late Monday in the Jor-

danian capita! Ammao. Arafat's official spokesman, Bas-

sam Abu-Sheof, said Arafal met Andersson Sunday to the Tunisian island of Garba but he cannot rule

Reached by phone at the PLO

out a second meeting in Cairo.

direct Palestinian-Israeli dialogue

face these threats."

NAIROBI, April 17, (Reuter): Rebels in northern Ethiopia said today they killed 872 government troops and captured Israeli-made radios as they infiltra-ted a new area

province fast Thursday.

Spokesman Tewolde Gabru told

hrigades of army commandes in Karakore, killing 721 soldiers and capturing 351.

radios, he said

The reported seizure appeared to confirm reports that Israel has been supplying military equipment to Ethiopia since the two countoes restablish diplomatte relations in

headquarters in the Tunisian capital Tunis, Ahu-Sherif told the Associated Press in Cairo that Arafat and Andersson discussed how to inscreame the deadlock in the Middle The report came as church groups East peace process and start Palestinians Israeli talks to Cairo.



Shop car

A Lehanuse used the mink of his car on Monday as shop to repair cameras in Muslim west Berrut Many propio in Berrut use their cars as shops after the t6 years of civil war had destroyed hugo areas in the country. (Reuter wirephoto)

### **Elusive Arafat**

#### Arrival confusion AMMAN, April 17 (AP): Yasser

Middle East peace itself. Sweden's Foreign Minister, Sten Andersson, flew to Cairo yesterday for a meeting with the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman.

Arafat, he told reporters at Cairu airport, would arrive "momen-At roughly the same time, Jordan-ian Prime Minister Mudar Badran was arriving at an airpoo in his coun-

try's capital to greet the Palestinian

Arafat was not yet due, he was told. Go back. Obviously miffed, he

Badran returned more than att

hour later. Finally Arafat's Iraqi jet touched down. Without Arafat.

The pilot leaned from the window lined along the red carpet in a motion of "go back."

Unbeknownst to the most senior Jordantan officials. Arafai had chosen to land and deplane and at Queen Alia International Airport south of Amman rather than at the Marqa military airport closer to town where watted Badran and com-

"I don't have unything to say," said the red-faced pome minister, who got into a cur and sped off to meet Arafat at Jordan's guest palace

#### Palestinian refugees in Jordan survive on dreams of home dilemma - whether to cling to his refugee status in the hope of going home, or to leave the camp and inlegrale into Jordan. Palestine makes the reality of his life in a squalid

Most refugees from the West Bank are Jordanian

But if they live outside the camps, they lose United Nations aid. And the existence of the camps, the refugees feel, is a powerful symbol of their displacement that makes an eventual return to Pales-

and housing 6.000 people.

They live check-by-jowl, seven or eight to a room. Sheep and goats snuttle in the dirt in small courtyards outside. Houses have running water and electricity, but

there is no piped sewage system and fouled water runs down open drains along the middle of the alleys. Crumbling tarred roads lead to the camp. Najah Misleh says she and her husband were

"Now we share a roof with our 10 children, including a married son and his two boys," she sighs.

disease spreads like lightning."
Israel has long accused Jordan and other Arab

countries of keeping Palestinians in refugee sel-

tlements as a political weapon in the Arab-Israeli

"The camps...ure viewed as an aspect of a political problem that has not yet been solved." Ahmed Ontanani, head of the Foreign Ministry's depart-

(UNRWAL to make living conditions as close as possible to those of the nearby communities," he

refugees wanting to add new rooms to their houses on the grounds that such improvements would make

### SUKifNEH, Jordan, April 17. (Reuter): For Diab Hassait, the dream that he will one day return to

refugee camp in Jordan just about bearable. "We try to put up with tough living conditions here because we all live on the hope of returning to our land," says Hassan, a middle-aged stonemuson who fled his West Bank home in 1967 when Israeli troops arrived.

He is one of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians who took refuge in Jordao, Syria, Lebanon or Egypt when Israel was created in 1948 or during the 1967 Middle East war. eitizens, as the territory belonged to Jordan before Israel occupied it in 1967.

For the time being Hussan has chosen to stay in Sukhneh, a jumble of muddy alleys and breezeblock houses thrown up over the last two decades

childless when they fled their home in 1967.

None of us has any privacy. When one is ill, the

conflict.

ment for Palestinian Affairs, told Reuters. "Meanwhile we try our best, with the help of the United Nations relief and Works Agency

He added that he had rejected many requests from

seat lower house of Parliament.

#### **Indian Video Roundup**

# Free they are not, free they won't be

By Fathima Ahmed **Arab Times staff** 

LIKE most Hindi films, Director S.A. Cbandrasekbar's Azaad Desh Ke Ghulam (Slaves of a free nation) is all for freedom - of speech, action, inaction and reaction on screen. Off screen. Chandrasekhar and the screenplay-writer chain themselves to cliched formulas.

High doses of patriotism are injected in nearly all frames from the word go in the politicalthriller, replete with trappings of mystery, idyllic locations, car chases and seedy characters. Thankfully, you don't get addicted to nationalism like Bharati (Rekha) and Vijay (Rishi Kapoor).

They feel strongly ahout everything from corruption and nepotism to rape and dowry deaths - and stand up against the ultimate criminals trailors. Such rhetoric leads nowhere - not even to cinematic glory for the players of Azaad Desh Ke Ghulam. Free they are not and free they won't be from

the cliches and formulas. Director Chandrasekhar falls into the trap of flying to the moon before learning to walk. Consequently, 'Azaad....' traverses familiar terrain ranging from drug smugglers to flesh traders and unscrupulous politicians selling their nation for a pot of gold.

Didactically, 'Azaad...' reflects social decay, opportunism and treachery that has somebow become a fact of life. But as cinema, it doesn't work, simply because the director can't bandle the bombardment of ideas.

In the first half, despite the overt preference for nationalism and rhetoric, we are engrossed with the loss of innocence and conflict of interests between father (Pran) and daughter, Bharati (Rekha).

Vijay's spying lands him in trouble and he is removed unceremoniously from the plot only to be resurrected with honours. At this point, the director says farewell to reason and meanders through a maze of ideas - the screenplay has no provision for the next step. It seems the 'Azaad..' team improvised characters and siluations and plays truant with ideas as they went along for location shooting to Ooty.

Despite lifting a chunk of ideas from the recent mystery Khoj, Bharati's predicament — the poor girl can't stop pacing, be it in the saloon or prison cell becomes a chronic problem.

One fatal disease comes in the shape of Mantri Narayan Das; and even after the court has pronounced him guilty and sends him to the gallows, the bype continues....and Bharati emerges victorious; with Inspector Jackie and Vijay to cheer on - and your smile vanishes...

Rekha as Bharati looks gorgeous -- as always, but as her character stagnates after the first few reels, the actress looks like a fish without water Rishi Kapoor, the baby-faced hero, bas brief cameo plays hide and seek with death before the final redemption. Jackie Shroff, with a song or two, also dances to the director's tune for the final climax: the public hanging - the punishment demanded for smugglers and traitors.

The above movie is by courtesy of Athari Video, Main St., Farwaniya, Tel: 4712900; and Canary Video, Fisheries Bldg., Sharq, Tel: 2459521.





Jackie Stroff

# TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

#### KTV<sub>1</sub>

1.00 Opening and Holy

Ouran

1.15 The World Today via

Satellite (repetition) 1.30 World Animals: cultural serial

2.00 Kabool Adventures: cartoon serial

2.30 Maa Al Sabereen: historical serial (part 23)

3.10 Human Health: cultural programme 3.35 Marava 88: Arabic

serial (part 7) 4.20 Rasael Al Ekha: local programme.

4.40 Rafat Al Hajjan: Arabic serial (part 23) 5.30 Hadeeth Deen: Religious programme, presented by Sheikh Mohammed Metwalli

Al Sharawi 6.20 Mazenger: Cartoon

serial (part 23) Bazd Al Iftar: religious

programme
7.00 Madeenat Al Ajayeb: local children's serial (part 23) 7.45 Night chemists, air-

lines and official advertisements

8.00 Maa Al Talaba: local programme prepared hy the Ministry of Education School

CINEMA

Activities Department 9.00 Juhayna: cultural programme (part 23)

9.45 Sawalef Min Al Madhi: local pro-

gramme 10.00 News in Arabic

10.45 Lil Hayat Baqiya: local serial (part 7) 11.45 3x3: local variety

programme

12.15 Layali Al Helmiya: Arabic serial (part 7) 1.15 Sabah Al Khir Ya Jari: Arabic serial, starring Sana Jameel, Omar Al Hariri, Mohammed

Khayriya Redha. Ahmad 3.00 News summary 3.05 The World Today via

Satellite 3.20 Holy Quran and Closedown

#### KTV 2

8.00 Opening announcement and Holy Quran. 8.10 Mickey and Donald. A cartoon series for children

8.30 Animals of Africa Cormorants hy the Thousand. A look at Cormorant birds with look similar to the sea gull but different in colour. They live in

groups on sca shores and build their nests in curious places.

9.00 News in English 9.30 Welcome Ramadan, A religious programme on the occasion of

Holy Ramadan 9.45 The Science Edition Artificial limbs and new technology... neon as revolution in lbe world of illumination... Communications via satellites and space TV stations... telestar .... Blood transfer and its effects on human body.

Brazing 10.15 Booker. Arizona. A young teenager, Booker friend, is involved with a criminal who orders him to sell drugs.

Cine Club presented by Farouk Abdulaziz "Adams Rib!" Starring: Katherine Hephurn, Spencer Tracy The marriage of a female lawyer and her husband is jeopardized during their courtroom battle involving woman on trial for shooting husband.

1.30 News in Brief 1.45 Magazine D'Actualite

Al Andalos Rolling Vengeance Al Salmiyah The Survivalist Al Hamra The Lost Platoon Drive-In Arabic film Al Firdous Sikka Fahaheel Open Kann Jeeta? Kaun Hara? Fakabeel Arabic film Al Jahra The Untouchables Granada Arabic film Splaibikhat Prime Risk

PRAYERS

Midnight Run Ahmadi Drive-In Arabic film

Fajr Zubr 11.48 AST Maghreb

# A scratchproof showpiece

WITH the new DiaStar 'Ultra,' Rado has succeeded in the perfect return of a classic which counts as a milestone in recent watch history. The new edition of the popular watch with typical right-angled design is thinner, even more elegant, fully scratch-

which with typical right-angled design is hinner, even more design, thiny scratchproof and captivates with its excellent price/performance relationship.

Due to its timeless design, the Rado DiaStar 'Ultra' did not need much face lifting.

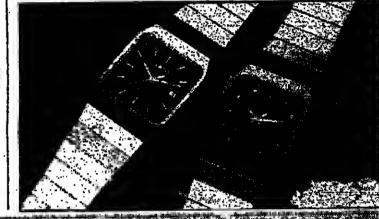
But as regards materials Rado has added a number of improvements which make it
into an almost indestructible peace of jewellery: crystal, case and newly also the
colour-fast bracelet are made of scratchproof materials, sapphire crystal and itaninto archide.

ium carbide.

The hardmetal case houses a high-precision Swiss quartz movement. The naw service-friendly, case-back facilitates access to the movement and ensures continuing water-resistance to 30 m, even after hattery changes. With a striking profile, but 20 per cent thinner than before, the case, with integrated crown, merges smoothly into the bracelet. The lustrous hardmetal elements are held together by a reliable safety.

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The Rado DiaStar 'Ulna' is uniquely available as a men's model, in the white orgolden yellow versions with, respectively, three or four dials, variations with diale, indication. As a further milestone in Rado's range of scratchproof watches, the classic with new fustre sets new standards of quality at an amazingly competitive.



#### WHAT'S ON

#### ARTS

Kateldoscope
A colourful spectrum of British and American 20th century music — including: Britten, Gershwin, Elgar, Copeland and Sandhein. Frances Coadvoice: Trevor Plats - piano. On April 18th at the British embassy. For more information Tele. 5318060 ext 19,8 am-

Sultan Gallery Furniture of Kuwait, pre-oil 1940s furniture, is currently on show at the Sultan Gallery; daily from 10 am to 12 noon and 8 to 10 pm.

From April 16, 1990, "The Mosques of Isfahan" exhibition will he shown at the gallery; it will be open daily from 10 am to 12 noon and 8 to 10 pm.

#### SOCIAL

Metting about Islam
A public meeting will be held
at Mohammad Nasir-Al-Hamad mosque in Hassawi area, beside Mohammad-Bin-Qassim Road, on 20th April 1990. after Friday Prayers. Professor Gohar Siddique from Pakistan, who is in Kuwait on the invitation of Ministry of Awgaf and Religious Affairs, will address the meeting. All are cordially invited to attend the meeting to learn ahout Islam.

Turkiah Embaasy April 23rd children's day. There will be a children's festival at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Auditorium hall under the auspicies of Turkish Embassy on the occasion of National sovereignty and children's day on 23rd April 1990, at 8.00 pm. Turkish children and children from other communities will perform folkloric dances and songs on the occasion. **Entertainment City** 

Kuwait Entertainment City is running a free hus service from Kuwait City to the Entertainment city and back on Thursdays and Fridays throughout the month of Ramadan. The bus starts on both days from opposite the Meridien Hotel at 8.00 pm and returns hack from the Entertainment City to the same stop

at 12.00 midnight.

#### Career and **Vocational**

Guidance Goan Welfare Society will conduct a seminar on Career and Vocational Guidance on April 20, 1990 at 5pm, at the Indian Embassy auditorium.

attend along with their parents.
Professionals will speak on specialised topics such as engineering, architecture, interior design, computer science, hotel management, banking and medicine. For further information please contact Bras Silveira on tel. 4849006 or Rudolph Fernandes tel.

**Kuwait Little Theatre** 

PAC postpone programme We inform all our welldemise of the father of our Secretary, Public Relations, our programme, scheduled for 27th April, has been postfixed and we hope "inshallah" issued are to be replaced hynew one and we sincerely regret any inconvenience caused to our

erhood and we shall invite all the association in Kuwait. The circle. The first part of the programme will be an owed by a Mushiara of selected and ghazals by prominent singers. For further details please

wishers that due to sudden poned. The new date is being to arrange a splended programme during the month of May, 1990. All cards already well-wishers and the registered

Secretary Public Relations.

#### **British Council**

All Goan students from standard IX, X, XI are invited to

Kuwait Little Theatre are

resenting a St. George's Day Revue on Thursday 19 April in the Unity Centre, Ahmadi, beginning at 7.30 pm (Please note the change of date to that previously advertised). Acts include Phil Thomas, June Woolston, The Kuwait Folk Group, and the Kuwait Singers. Tickets and tables can be hooked by telephoning

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The committee for sports for celebration of 400 year anniversary of Hyderabad (Deccan) is organising a sports day on 27th April 1990 (or next day of Eid) at Juleeb Al Shuwaikh ground (behind Juleeb Al Shuwaikh cinema). The schedule of

programme is as follows: 9 to 12 am: Festival cricket match for veterans. 12 to 2 pm: Break for prayer

and lunch. 2 to 5 pm: Sports for ladies. children and agents. 5to6pm: Formal inauguration of the festivities.

The events are open for all present and former residents of... Hyderabad and their families. No entry fees will be charged. Festival cricket match is open

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

#### **Prices slump** threatens government spending plan

DUBAI, April 17, (Reuter): A sudden slump in world oil prices threatens to derail the spending plan of wealthy Gulf governments.

regional economists say.

Oil ministers of Saudi Arabia.

Kuwait, and the United Arab
Emirates meet in Jeddah today to
discuss the 30 per cent drop in the
price of a barrel of oil since March.

These nehest states can take some financial pain without much damage but Iran and Iraq are already feeling the pinch and small nil producer Oman's cautious budget plans for 1990 now look wise, the economists said.

Any change in oil prices bas an immediate impact in a region where oil revenues provide well over 50 per cent and in a second price. cent, and in some cases 90 per cent, of

government revenues.

The slump is a nasty shock to governments which were hoping for price stability this year to guide their stale-dominated economies into the \$1990s, after devastation wrought by a price collapse in the mid-1980s to below \$10 a barrel.

Industry analysis expect world demand to rise later this year. But oil industry managers say prices also depend on whether the Organisation of Petroleum Export-ing Countries (Opec) cuts its current ugh output.

Analysts say total output by Opec's 13 members is probably run-ning between 23.5 million and 24 million barrels per day, compar'd with its self-imposed quota limit of just over 22 million. Riyadh bas forecast 1990 gover 1-

ment revenues from all sources of 1:8 million riyals (\$31.5 billion). Independent economists said that

to achieve that figure it would need to earn close to 90 billion riyals (\$24 ballon) from oil. "If they just produced at their quota for the year, and the price of Arabian light crude was on average for the year around \$16,25/40 a

said a Saudi-based economist.

Arabian light today was being quoted at only around \$13.85 a

A Reuter survey of oil industry sources estimates Saudi Arabia's first quarter output at an average 5.68 million barrels per day, against its Opec quota of 5.38 million. Saudi Arabia says it does not want

to reduce its share of total Opec out-put. That share has beld steady at 24.46 per cent as Riyadh has raised its output to match rising total Opec output.

Aoalysts say lower prices per harrel can up to a point be balanced by higher output. But if production races too far ahead of demand, the

price can collapse. Gman planned its 1990 budget on oil, a level that seemed pessimistic-

carly this year.

Omani crude, bowever, was being quoted at just under \$15 per barrel

#### Japan flight crews strike

TOKYO. April 17, (Reuter): Flight crews at Japan's two big-gest airlines began a 24-bour strike today, halting many domestic flights but sparing international services, airline officials said.

Pilots and other cockpit staff at Japan Airlines and all Nippon Airways walked out after management wage offers failed to satisfy their union negotiators.

In late morning the JAL staff reached agreement on a 3.9 per cent wage increase, but conunued their strike to protest company plans to introduce new plans that reduce the size of flight

crews from three to two.
A spokesman for ANA said 312 domestic flights would have to be cancelled, inconveniencing more than 50,000 travellers.

Even if the strike goes on for the full 24 hours, international flights will not be affected." he

JAL said union staff walked off all domestic and some international flights out of Tokyo's Narita and Haneda airports, but services were operating smoothly with senior administrative staff taking the place of

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# Qatar haggles with Japanese firm on LNG exports

prospective Japanese customers for the liquefied natural gas (LNG) from its vast North Field are still haggling over the price of gas in a long-term supply agreement. Gulf oil industry sources

The price issue is difficult, but it will be solved. Qatari authorities know that if it is not solved, the whole deal could collapse," a Gulf-based oil industry

However, other analysts believe

(QGPC), which has started developing the world's biggest single natural gas field, might decide not to sell the gas if they think the price is loo low.

There is a school of thought in Qatar which would prefer to wait until the year 2000 for natural gas demand to increase, rather than to sell at a price which is not attractive to them now, one analyst said.

The sources said Qatar's plans to sell natural gas to its neighbours, especially Kuwait, are still possible, but progress was slow due to costs of constructing pipelines and to uncertainty over the

price of gas in the long term.
A team from QGPC had travelled to Japan last February to present the details of a plan to supply around six million tonnes per year of LNG for 20 years to three Japanese power companies. Another round of discussions with prospective buyers in Japan is planned for May, the sources said.

Japanese companies plan to use natural gas for power generation in the next few decades as it is a relatively

clean source of energy.

But producers in the Pacific area can compele with Qatar on prices to Japan due to lower transportation costs.

The cost of the Qatar project is estimated at \$6 billion, including field

development, gas plants and tankers. It would take up to five years to complete. QGPC has a 70 per cent share in Qatargas, which was set up in 1984 to

British Petroleum, Total-CFP of France, Japan's Marubeni, and Mitsui and Company Ltd. all with 7.5 per cent

Oatar is now evaluating the longterm LNG sales price in relation to what it can earn if it utilises the gas at home," an oil industry analyst said. Natural gas from the first phase development of the North Field, which

lies under shallow waters of the Gulf

offshore Qatar, will start flowing next

domestic needs.

Qatar will use most of the 800 million cubic metres of gas to be produced in the first phase in power generation and desalination plants and to develop its existing and future local industries to diversify its economy.

It plans to expand its petrochemicals and fertilizer plants and sell gas to a planned aluminium smelter which will initially be set up without any Qatari

Saudis appoint new governor for Opec

# American oil prices rise

HOUSTON, April 17, (Reuter): US oil prices rose moderately in cautious trade ahead of a meeting of three Opec Gulf producers today in the Saudi Red Sea port of Jeddah.

May West Texas Intermediate crude oil rose a modest seven cents a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange to close at \$17.85 a barrel while unleaded gasoline futures jumped 1.66 cents to 60.21 cents a gallon for May delivery.

At the start of the month, May crude oil futures were trading around \$20.30, before tumbling to as low as \$16.25 a barrel on news of a glut in global crude inventories.

Traders and analysts attributed yesterday's modest rise to technical consolidation after last week's volatile sessions and quiet shortcovering on news

that key members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries - Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait - will meet today to discuss the current slide in world oil prices.

WTI dropped to a 14-month low of \$16.25 last week on a perception that markets were oversupplied as Opec oil production soared to 24 million barrels per

day. Casb markets were particularly quiet yesterday because the international petroleum

exchange in London was closed for Easter Monday.

Analysts said players were buying unleaded gasoline futures on the Nymex against crude oil because gasoline affairs to be the only member of the energy complex that shows signs of improvement ahead of the US

summer driving season. "Gasoline has a chance of sustaining itself in the short term." said Jayne Ball with New Century Resources in New York.

Unlike traditional futures contracts, traders of spread deals can profit from a rise in gasoline futures without tying up the same amount of capital and thereby reduce their risk.

Cash market traders said news those Opec producers would meet today inspired some market participants to cover short positions in case the group makes an announcement,

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia has appointed a senior government official to Opec's board of gover-nors, replacing former Deputy Oil Minister Abdel-Aziz Al Turki, a Saudi official said yes-

#### Jardaneh to London for debt talks

AMMAN, April 17, (Reuter): Jor-dan's Finance Minister Basel Jardaneb left for London yesterday for debt rescheduling talks with banks grouped in the London Club of com-mercial creditors, an official said. He gave no further details of the

talks, due to n pen tomorrow.

Jardaneh said recently that Jordan expected to sign a long-delayed accord with commercial banks grouped in the club by mid-April, paving the way for new loans of up to \$50 million.

Bankers involved in the deal have confirmed that prospects for the new money bad improved.

In March, Jordan repaid the last part of London Club arrears of \$80 million originally due by the end of 1989, and plans to use any new money partly to cover 1990 interest

The London Club steering committee agreed in November the fresh loans would carry interest at 13/16 point over Libor to be paid at the end of their three-year term, diplomats

say.
Jordan, wrestling with an \$8
billion foreign debt, won 1MF
approval last week for its progress on
a year-old economic reform plan, clearing the way for payment of the next tranche of a \$77 millioo standby

TOKYO. April 17, (Reuter): The yen finished weaker in Thkyn today, and currency jitters forced share prices down from their earlier highs to close little changed.

The dollar closed at 159.83 yen and 1,6816 West German marks after 159.32 yen and 1,6783 marks at the New

York Monday close.

"The market had confidence in the dullar's strength, but was wary of central bank intervention," said Makoto Omori, vice president at Security Pacific National Bank.

The dollar gained on fresh bny orders in Tokyo but the upward thrust ran n ut of steam just before hitting the 160-

yen resistance line, traders said.

The key 225-share Nikkei index eased a bare 1.58 points to 28,461.60 after tumbling 750.74 points yesterday.

The index had climbed as many as 350 points by midday. but the Easter boliday overseas and the ailing ven kept

trade thin, and thus added to volatility, brokers said.

"The general feeling in the market seems to be that the market has already bottomed out, but there is just no energy to sustain any gains," said Tetsuya Fukami, head of equines at Shearson Lehman Hutton Asia.

Turnover was a modest 400 million shares, up from yesterday's very thin 230 million.

Market players seemed to shrug off any possible good news in favour of the more constant bad news. Japan's March money supply data released today showed an annual rate of increase of 11.6 per cent compared to 11.8

per cent in February.
"The slight shrinkage as well as cheap oil prices could help quell inflationary worries, but investors are chosing to ignore potential positive signs now," said one foreign

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#### Turkey finds oil Iran to invest \$5.71b ANKARA, April 17. (Reuter): Turkey has struck oil in a new well near the southeastern town of Kahta, State Minister Mehmet Kececiler said. "The Turkish Petroleum Corporatioo (Tpao) has found oil in a new well which will produce 1,200 barrels per day," Kececiler told the opening session of a Turkish Petroleum Congress. Turkey, which consumes 21.5 million tonnes of oil a year, produced

#### Plans to develop oil industry

TEHRAN, April 17, (Opecna): Iran plans to invest \$5.71 billion in the development of the National Petroleum Industry in the current five-year plan (1990-95), according to Deputy Oil Minister Ahmad Rabgozar.

In an interview published by a local magazine, be said \$1 billion would be allocated to the giant unfinished Bandar Khomeini petrocbemical project, adding that various changes had been made in the venture, "including its original aims and

plans." He did not elaborate. He said balf a million tons of the total production of the plant would be exported and the remaining 2.5 million tons would be set aside to meet domestic

Giving details of the former joint Iran-Japan venture which suffered heavy damage during the war, Rahgozar said that after the Gulf ceasefire, the Japanese partners were invited to complete the work, but they were reluctant to do so. After discussions, the Japanese shares were acquired by Iran. The project would now be completed by Iran. It is said to have already cost over \$4.5 hillion.

He said several foreign companies bad been approached to take up the management and act as contractors or sub-contractors to conduct the actual implementation, but nothing was yet final. He hinted, however, that the decision was likely to be in favour of South Korea.

The deputy minister said that \$1 hillion would be

earmarked for the semi-finished Arak petrochemical project which was expected to reach com-pletion in 1992. Another half-built project, the Isfahan aromatic plant, would be given \$300 million to enable it to come onstream in 1991. The Tabriz petrochemical project would be allocated 900 million and built with foreign co-operation on a buy-back basis.

As to the feasibility of building so many petrochemical projects in the Gulf region, he pointed out that internal demand was very high and, therefore,

the export aspect was of secondary importance.
Rangozar said Iran could put a variety of petrochemical products on the world market. It was already exporting sulphur and ammonia to India, Morocco and Tunisia and would soon be in a position to export methanol, liquefied gas and fertil-

Rahgozar said lack of sufficient expertise and technical and management know-bow was detrimental to any industry and Iran still bad to ohtain some essential know-how from abroad. A company had been set up in Shiraz for planning and engineering research and design.

"There is still a long way for us to with regard to designing and huilding all the equipment we need,"

Rahgozar disclosed that seven out of nine of Iran's petrochemical plants were damaged during the Gulf war and production had fallen to half a million tons a year.

### Marxist Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) launched its independence campaign six years ago. Katha is outside the PKK's normal theatre of most violent start to any year since 1984. About 25 oil firms are currently operating in Turkey, most of them affiliates of foreign companies, including N.V. Turkse Shell and Arco

2.88 million tonnes of crude, mainly in the southeast area bordering fran,

More than 2,000 people have been killed in the southeast since the

Chevron International Ltd (Turkey) is likely to decide next month whether to go ahead with a \$10.5 million search for oil in the southeast near the Iraqi frontler, the sources said.

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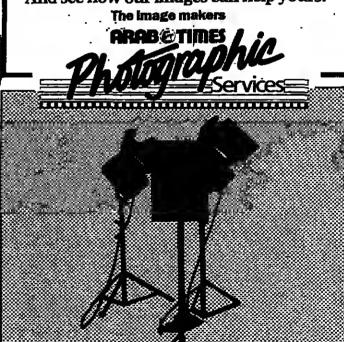
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# Lightweight battery invented

TOKYO, April 17, (Reuter): Japanese carmaker Isuzu Motors bas invented a battery it says can be recharged in 10 seconds and produces 20 times more power for its weight than conventional

Isuzu and Fuji Electrochemical, which jointly announced the development yesterday, expect to start commercial sales of the battery in two years. a spokesman for Isuzu said today.

They have already produced a 1.2 volt, coinsized version on a trial basis, he said. The battery uses activated carbon and diluted sulphuric acid and should cause fewer environmental problems than mercury-based and other conventional types of battery, he said.

The new battery may be produced in different shapes and may be used in home appliances as well as cars, the spokesman said.

Isuzu Motors, which is 38.2 per cent owned by General Motors of the United States, is developing an electric car using the new battery, he said. adding that conventional car batteries generally need eight or more hours to recharge.

Isuzu developed the battery on its own initially, then jointly developed prototypes with Fuji Electrochemical, the spokesman said.

Isuzu shares were quoted on the Tokyo Stock Exchange today at bids of 720 yen \$4.50 each. after closing trade yesterday at 650 yen (\$4.06).

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# Bush prods Congress to approve aid for Panama

WASHINGTON, April 17, (UPI): President Bush, trying to free a foreign policy priority from a legislative logiam, marked the approaching end of the congressional Easter recess Monday with a renewed call for passage of aid to Panama and

Nicaragua and of course Panama, too, need these funds," Bush told a gathering of business and other groups interested in Nicaraguan development.
With democracy at stake, there is simply no time for delay."

Before breaking for Easter early this month. Congress failed to meet an April 5 target date set by Bush for approval of \$800 million to help the new democratic governments of Panama and Nicaragua rebuild their

ravaged economies. Though the House approved \$420 million of the \$500 million Bush sought for Panama and the full \$300 million he requested for Nicaragua, Senateconsideration of the package has bogged down in a sharp debate over foreign aid priorities.

A fight has been brewing in the Senate, where the foreign aid subcommittee headed by Sen. Patrick Leahy, Democratof Ver-mont, may consider the administration request later this week.

Leahy has complained that the \$800 million gives undue importance to Panama and Nicaragua at the expense of emerging democracies in Eastern Europe, With foreign aid dollars in increasing demand around the world, Senate Democratic leader George Mitchell has said he wants Bush to submit a longterm plan before acting on the requests for Panama and Nicaragua.

Nine days away from the inauguration of Nicaraguan Chamorro, Bush reaffirmed the US commitment to respond in "Nicaragua's hour of need" and said "government aid alone can-not solve all the problems."

"The business of democracy-building is a task that requires strong and steady support from the private sector," he said in urging private investment to help repair an economy "slowly strangled by a system of central control and mismanagement."

The Nicaraguan economy is in a state of collapse from almost a decade of civil war between the US-backed Contra rebels and the outgoing Marxist-led San-dinista regime. its problems exacerbated by US sanctions.

Bush, however, said there is 'a new sense of confidence in Nicaragua" that must be nur-tured with US assistance.

A senior administration official, briefing reporters on the scheduled visit to the White House today by Honduran President Rafael Leonardo Callejas, also took time to try to prod Congress into action on the aid package.

"We think that it would be a very unfortunate message for Congress to send to Mrs Chamorro not to have this on the president's desk by ber (April 25) inauguration." the official said.

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Cautious economic revival amid scars of ethnic uprisings

# Lanka's foreign investment surges

COLOMBO. Sri Lanka, April 17, (AP): Tourists are returning to Sri Lan-ka's palm-fringed beaches and foreign investment is rising as this island nation cautiously climbs out of seven years of

The foreign investment, bedrock of the island economy, is on the upswing with the apparent end of armed rebellions by Sinhalese nationalists and

And the return of the tourists to its Indian Ocean resorts has triggered hope of a rebound in the targest foreign exchange earning industry, which has been slumping after seasons of emply hotel rooms.

"There has been an economic tur-naround," said Neetan Tiruchelvam, a lawyer and respected political analyst. The balance of payments has improved considerably and the stock market is buoyant.

The Colombo Stock Exchange reported April 12 that its all-share index had reached 326, its highest level ever. The index has risen 154.5 points

since the beginning of the year. There were no official figures for the country's balance of payments, which reached a staggering 5.8 billion rupee (\$146.2 million) deficit for the first six months of 1989.

But Tiruchelvam said the deficit had been curtailed by increased remittances from Sri Lankans working abroad, better trade and an increase in the prices of tea, one of the country's principal

Last year, an uprising by Sinhalese extremists derailed the country's economy. Officials and diplomats agree privately that the government of President Ranasinghe Premadasa was close to being overthrown before a wave of reprisal killings crushed the

The government said strikes and attacks on economic targets by militants of the pro-Sinhalese People's Liberation Front cost Sri Lanka at least 14 billion rupees (\$350 million), or 5.5 per cent of its gross domestic product.

The North and East of the nation, dominated by the Tamil minority. appears to be shrugging off the effects of a seven-year war for independence by Tamil rebels.

The militants and the government agreed to a ceasefire last summer, and the guerrillas almost immediately began speaking of plans to put the region's mostly agricultural economy back on its feet. Revenue was lost because the

rebellions frightened off tourists and

"We were beginning to worry," said Terrence S. Coldham, managing direc-

tralian mining firm that is setting up a sapphire processing plant with an investment of \$455,000.

"Our commitment in Sri Lanka badn't changed either way, but we were

afraid we wouldn't succeed," he said, But now. Coldham said, the situation on the island has undergone a vast change. "The improvement in the whole country is fantastic." he said. "It's in the air. Even the streets are

"We get about 20 inquiries a day," said Bandula Fernando, a senior executive in the greater Colombo Economic Commission, the regulatory body for foreign investment in Sri Lanka. "Of course, very few translate into projects, but the interest is tremen-

Fernando said the major attractions for a foreign investor were the low cost Sri Lanka's location on major sea routes linking southeast Asia with the

"Ultimately the investor decides on his balance sheet, so we are trying to give birn all the inventives we can," he

The government last December announced an industrial policy designed to re-establish and maintain the rapid economic growth registered between 1977, when the country discarded socialism for a more market-responsive economy, until 1983, when the ethnic violence began.

The government measures included continuing a flexible rate of exchange, tax deferrals for most projects, and incentives for market promotion, research and development.

Meanwhile, the Tourism department said there were 52.960 visitors in the first three months of 1990, up more than double from the same period last

In all of 1989, 184,732 tourists visited the sun-drenched tropical island and pumped in about \$80 million, according to the department's records. The 1989 arrivals were about 50 per cent for the annual figures before the troubles

began.
"The government really has no choice," said a Sri Lankan diptomat who previously was an executive of the government's foreign investment

"The only way to stay one step ahead of ethnic troubles is creating enough wealth to share," he said, speaking on condition of not being identified fur-ther. The wars really spring from socio-economic problems. Boosting the economy will stave off any resurgence."

Economic reforms likely to result in steep price hikes

# Soviets consider 55 pc business tax

Supreme Soviet deputies reacted harshly Monday to a government proposal for a 55 per cent tax on all state and co-operative businesses as part of the country's economic reforms.

Economist Viktor Yarosbenko, a member of the parliamentary body, called the tax proposal "confiscational in nature" and said it would derail President Mikhail Gorbachev's perestroika reforms by eliminating incentives for enterprises to make money.

Government officials have said in the past a high tax on enterprises would be part of the economic reform package, but Monday's debate was the first on a specific proposal. Yaroshenko, one of dozens of deputies opposing the proposal in debate Monday, said a 55 per cent tax was "not consistent with the aim proclaimed by the government - to accelerate the transition to a market-oriented econ-

He proposed a maximum tax of 35 per cent. Both his proposal and the government's would tax all businesses, both state enterprises and semi-private cooperatives, at the same rate.

Soviet Finance Minister Valentin Pavlov argued that if businesses were taxed at less than 55 per cent, the government would not have enough money for major social programmes that have already been approved by the Supreme Soviet.

Chase profits plummet

The government is also worried about how to deal with a

budget deficit, estimated last year at \$192 billion at the inflated official rate.

Pavlov said a lower tax would also result in enterprises having more money and mean higher wages without increased produc-tion, thereby boosting inflation.

Soviet officials have warned in the last several weeks that the economic reforms are likely to result in steep price hikes if the market is allowed to set prices.

Under the current system, prices generally have no relation to cost of production or demand because they are artificially set by government ministries. Food subsidies alone take up 15 per cent of the budget.
Gorbachev's Presidential

Council and Federation Council

past week to discuss a total over-haul of the country's price struc-

The debate on the tax proposal was adjourned until Wednesday. Meanwhile, a senior Soviet lawmaker said up to 70 per cent of state-owned industries will soon be leased to work collectives or individual owners and 70 per cent of the prices will be set by

the market. Pavel Bunich, deputy chair-man of the Soviet Parliamentary Committee on Economic Reform, urged quick reforms but said Thursday he did not want the kind of "shock treatment" of rapid price hikes and high unemployment that Poland is experiencing and which has been predicted for the Soviet Union as



First Sony shop opens in Belgrade

Akio Morita chairman of the Sony Corporation with his wife at the opening ceremony of the first Sony shop in Belgrade. Morita also met with Yugoslav Prime Minister Ante Markovic during his two day business visit to Yugoslavia. (Reuter wirephoto)

## J.P. Morgan's up

just 20 cents a share in the first quarter, down 67 per cent from earnings of \$132 million or \$1.27 a share in the yearprevious quarter, mainly because of rising losses on commercial real estate loans.

J.P. Morgan & Co., meanwhile, reported net income of \$399 million nr \$2.09 a share, up strongly from earnings nf \$180 million or 96 cents in the year-ago quarter. Much of the increase derived from a new accounting method in listing gains on interest rule and currency swaps, it said.
Manufacturers Hannver Corp., another New York
money centre bank, said it had first quarter profits of \$96

million, down 6.8 per cent from earnings of \$103 million in the year ago quarter. Net income per share was \$1.21, compared to \$1.84 a share in the year-previous quarter.

Chase added \$225 in lnan loss reserves, against \$150 million in the year-ago period, citing "deterioration ... in certain domestic commercial real estate markets." Il wrote off \$325 in loans in the quarter, against \$159 million in the

year-ago period. Chase warned that, "If economic conditions in domestic commercial real estate markets deteriorate further, it is likely that the provision for possible credit losses will continue at relatively high levels."

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Net interest income was \$814 million, off from \$829 million in the year-ago period. Non-interest income — mainly fees and trading profits — rose to \$468 million, empared to \$420 million in the year-ago quarter.

Operating costs rose \$76 million from the year-ago quarter to \$952 million, partly reflecting new credit card confoling acquisitions.

Of loan chargeoffs in the quarter, \$100 millinn stemmed

from an exchange of \$1.1 hillion in Mexican dehi for dehi-reduction bonds under the US-backed Mexican debi-

reduction bonds under the US-backed Mexican debi-reduction deal concluded this year.

Chase listed nonperforming domestic loans — those on which neither interest nor principal payments were being made — of \$1.67 hillion compared to \$1.23 billion at the end of the year-ago quarter. Of that, \$884 million was in real estate inans, up 58 per cent from \$561 million a year earlier.

NEW YORK, April 17, (UPI): The Chase Manhattan Corp. said yesterday its profits dropped to \$44 million or faction with the results. His bank last \$1.28 billion in 1989. largely because of a \$2 hillion third-quarter addition to Third World loan-loss reserves.

Morgan's portfolio of nonperforming loans shrank to \$1.09 billion at the end of the first quarter from \$1.97 billion a year before. Nonperforming loans other than to developing nations stood at \$154 million, against \$263 million. Morgan added \$10 million to reserves in both

"We are pleased with the strong trading results and the continued growth of business activities with relatively steady revenue streams, such as investment management and operational services. he said. Weatherstone said corporate finance fees declined as economic activity Morgan said the accounting change on swaps added \$230 million after taxes to profits. It said the new method.

taking longstanding profits. "conforms with the practices prevalent among other financial institutions."

Under the modification, "net interest revenue from trading swap results are determined on a market value basis and classified as other trading revenue."

Swaps, arrangements under which a credit facility or currency may be borrowed or lent out for for an agreed-upon fee, allow finance and treasury officers to minimise interest income of \$266 million, against \$299 million in the year-previous quarter, and non-interest income of \$716 million, up from \$685 million such profits in the year-ago

Operating expenses rose 11 per cent to 5485 million, against \$436 million in the year-previous quarter. The rise included a 7 per cent like in salaries and expenses, and costs of occupying a new headquarters building.

Manufacturers Hanover reported interest income o

Nandiacturers relatives reported interest income of \$373 million in the first quarter, against 362 million in the year-ago quarter. It added \$73 million in loan-loss reserves, against \$87 million in the year-ago quarter.

It had quarterly nonmerest income of \$326 million, compared to \$319 million in the year-earlier quarter, Manufacturers said.

#### Syndicate to give loan to Delhi

TOKYO, April 17, (UPI): An international group of 11 banks has agreed to extend a \$50 million loan to the Industrial Credit and Investment Corp. of India, a Japanese partner said

The Industrial Bank of Japan said the group includes nine Japanese banks, Italy's Instituto Bancario san Paolo Di Torino and KDB International Ltd of South Korea.

The loan is repayable over eight years, including a four-year grace period, at an annual interest rate set at the London interbank offered rate of 8.625 per cent plus a spread of 0.25 per Meanwhile, Japan bas agreed to grant Indonesia a total of 3.164 million yen (\$20.4 million)

and other projects in the country. the foreign ministry has announ-The ministry said 1.7 billion yen (S11 million) will be used for the purchase of fertilizer, agricultural chemicals and machinery to increase food production as part of the country's fifth five-year

to finance agricultural, medical

The ministry said 500 million yen (S3.2 million) will be set aside for the purchase of equipment to control malaria.

#### Investment ın US lauded

WASHINGTON, April 17, (UPI): Japanese automobile manufacturing in the United States is creating a more com-petitive marketplace, more jobs for American workers and a lower trade deficit, a study fun-ded by the Automobile Impor-ters of America Inc. said Mon-

day.
With Japanese direct investment in US auto manufacturing in the 1980s, "the US auto industry has been transformed from a three-firm oligopoly into a more competitive market with many producers." according to the study by Robert Z. Lawrence, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution think tank.

The report contended that socalled Japanese "transplant" factories and US automakers' response to them "have allowed the recovery of competitiveness in an industry in which it had seriously eroded."

The study noted that foreign direct investment in the US vehiche industry has helped to lower America's trade shortfall by providing the US market with Japanese-brand vehicles that otherwise would have been

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### US manufacturers still lag in several areas

#### Can American carmakers ever catch up to Japan? executives of Toyota's and Honare better built, more competitively priced, and able to hold

DETROIT, April 17, (UPI): Not long ago. America's big three automakers left by the roadside a chance to debate whether their cars are as good as those built by their Asian counterparts.

That evening, Lee lacocca was to appear on ABC television's "Nightline" show on competition between the United States and Japanese auto industry. But the outspoken Chrysler Corp. chairman, now on a six-city tour to convince Americans that Chrysler cars are just as good as

Japanese models, was not seen. lacocca's request to appear live in the studio was denied by the show's producers, who said it would give him an advantage overother guests linked electron-

ically from other locations. So those who stayed up to watch "Nightline" that evening were left with the common perception that while American cars have improved in quality, Japan still is way out in front by giving

buvers what they want. And those impressions were largely reinforced because top da's US operations stepped in and monopolised the show, with virtually no counterattack from

So much for "Advantage: Chrysler," which happens to be the No. 3 carmaker's latest

advertising theme.
"Everything from Japan is perfect. everything from America is lousy, lacocca is heard telling his management team in those ads. "The truth is we've got advantages over the Japanese in every car we make, but nobody knows it. And that's

going to change." Many consumers are convinced the Asians already have obliterated the competition from any Detroit automaker in some parts of the US car market.

The numbers show it. Cars built by Japanese and South Korean automakers both here and abroad took 27.3 per cent of the US car market last year, np from 25.3 per cent in 1988 and 22 per cent in 1986.

where Honda's Accord was the top selling nameplate last year a first for a Japanese automaker. although the Accord is domes-

tically built. "That is where we have the biggest disadvantage," said one Ford Motor Co. product planner, who conceded Ford will not be truly competitive in the compact sedan market until it comes out with a new Tempo and Topaz for 1994 - cars now being designed by Ford of Europe.

In the sports coupe market, the Mitsubishi Eclipse outsold the Plymouth Laser by nearly 22 per cent last month despite the Plymouth being offered at five times as many US dealerships as the Mitsubishi version.

This is particularly telling since the Eclipse and Laser are virtually identical cars built on the same assembly line at an Illinois assembly plant jointly owned by Chrysler and Mitsubishi. Industry executives and

analysts generally agree many

buyers still think Japanese cars

modity grown around the world," said Arvid Jouppi, an industry analyst and founder of the Detroit automotive roundtable. "You can make chocolate eclairs or spaghetti from wheat - in other words, make it into any level of taste or preference."

their resale value longer than

But some of that may simply

be perception lagging reality.

"The car has become something

like wheat in that it's a com-

American models.

various categories: Quality aovantage: Japanese. Widespread reports about the abysmal quality of American cars during the early 1980s created ferule ground for the Japanese to prove their mettle and make tremendous inroads

Here is how experts now rank

Japanese and American cars in

into Detroit's domain. But US automakers insist that expected quality gains during the next several years will negate any advantage held by the Asians.

significantly better than the worst Japanese cars," said Joel Pitcoff, a Ford sales analyst. Still, the Japanese hold the overall edge and are expected to

for some time. 'Americans have really caught up with Japanese on exteriors, with much better fit and finish." said Michael Luckey of the Luckey Consulting Group in Tappan. N.J. "But buyers still feel the Japanese have interiors that are better put together and

feel nicer. "Buyers are still distrustful of American ears," said David Healy of the Barclays investment Bank in New York, noting that while General Motors has made commendable strides in product quality, those who bought GM products three or four years ago may now be swearing at them instead of by them, because of poor quality and durability.

"On a scale of one to 100, the perception is the Japanese are very close to 98 and Americans somewhere about 80," Jouppi

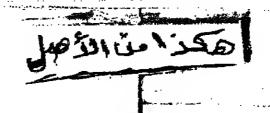
said, "I would say both are now in the area of 95 and 100, but I would still put the Japanese on top in that range." American carmakers have

been working hard to dismantle perceptions about the price advantage Japanese cars are believed to have. "The price advantage actually switched to the Americans from five or six years ago, when currency rates favoured the

Japanese, said Luckey. "I don't think that is generally perceived by the public. Ford's Pitcoff said, "I think to a large extent buyers have a misperception about the cost advan-

tage held by Japanese cars. "It is perpetuated to the extent that if buyers don't even shop American products, this perception goes untested," Pitcoff said.
"The Americans hold the

advantage on the actual, or tran-sacted price," said Jouppi. "Never have we had such a wide gap between the list price and the actual price paid because of



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#### China strictly applies one-child rule to curb population growth

# War against 'enemies in the womb'

BELIING, (Reuter): China, worned by predictions of a record hany boont, is to put fresh effort into its toundering oncchild-family campaign.

Now we are lacing the higgest boom ever in the numbers of women of childbearing age," said Shen Guoxiang, director of publicity at the State Family Planning Commission.

He said a national meeting on birth control in February had decreed that education and propaganda be intensified to encourage the one-child family

Western nations have repeatedly condemned China's one-child policy as

Draconian and inhumane.
"China is different." Shen told Reuters in a recent interview. "If America had 1.1 billion people then they would not be so concerned about this

humanitarianism they talk about." China is the world's most populous nation, where about one fifth of maokind live off about seven per cent of the world's total arable land.

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The expected baby boom is a consequence of unchecked procreation under the rule of the late Chairman Mao Tsetung, who over colled birth control

"bloodless genocide." In the 1950s Mao said people birth control was a plot hatched by China's enemies.

Only after Mao's death in 1976 were widespread population curbs introduced to best the unlines of extra months caling away at China's economic gains

in the year 2000 there will be 340 million women in China capable of having children, up 35 million from last year's figure The increase in waimen of child-bearing age, twice as last as during two previous population explosions, will peak between

now and 1992.

China will overshoot its target of 1.2 billion people to the year 2000, unless policies are strictly enforced, official press chose and

Fines, persuasion, education and outright bans are China's main weapons against what some Western commentators have called "enemies in the womh."

Rewards of money or land and praise are given to couples who you to have only one child and extra cash is handed to those who prove their fervour hy opting for

This year's campaign aims to instil ceal into local officials to enforce the punishments and rewards, educate couples on the benefits of small families and persuade women to abort unauthurised habies.

It will be largetted mainly at tural areas where officials have winked at as many as three children in a family, after attempts to enforce the one-child rule led to the wide-

special neurder of haby girls. Sons are praised in the countryside as future breadwinners and inheritors of an ancient belief in ancestor wurship. A family with nu sons is a disgrace to its

The problem is ignorance," said Shen "Many people in the countryside just do not understand that it is for their own good and the benefit of China to have fewer children and best to have one.

The one-child rule will not be as rigidly enforced in rural areas as it is in cities, but statistics must show an improvement from a current average of 2.8 babies per rural family and 40 per cent of births being outside the state plan, said Shen.

He said local officials have much autonomy in deciding punishments for couples who have too many ehildren.

"Normally the women are willing to abort," said Sheo. "But if they are not then

the local cadres come round to persuade them a little."

For every two habies born in China last year, one was aborted, said Shen. The time limit for abortions was normally three months into the pregnancy but some sturbborn women resisted persuasion at first and had to have the foetus removed in its fourth month or later, he said.

Fines for offenders were normally about 10 per cent of wages for 10 years hat could be increased according to "loca! conditions." Shen said. Reports of much larger amounts are widespread.

Iwo Chinese provinces, Gansu and anning, have banned mentally retarded parents from having children and ordered sterilisations to "improve the quality of the population," official newspapers have

Family planning among China's national minorities will he strengthened.

ion said, but with exceptions There will be no family planning propaganda in Tibet because the situation

there is sensitive," he said.

Pro-independence demonstrations have flared several times in the Himalayan region ruled by China and its capital Lhasa s still under martial law.



# Cured by a 'magic touch'

AS I lay nakeo, face down on a couch, Annick Laboure gently applied pressure to my spine and murmured: "This will cure anything from asthma to

Her nimble fingers probed my back and muscles with a magic touch that Aonick believes has been passed down from the days of the Pharoahs.

For £15 a session, a patient gets the full treatment at her clime. And Annick claims that a crippled woman has walked normally again, food allergies have vanished under her hands and asthmatics have

breathed freely.

She said: "It's called Reconnective Therapy and has a 90 per cent success rate. The treatment is a combination of gentle massage and diet. The diet may seem weird at first as people have a three-course meal for breakfast.

"We even encourage men to eat red meat at least twice a week. It helps their bedroom performance. And there is no ban on puddings.

As 28-year-old Annick, from Lyon, France, finished rearranging my vertehrae and began to work on the muscles of my shoulder, a feeling of bliss soaked my body.

She said: When I treat patients, I cantell in which

part of their body they have problems. They tell me where they feel tender as I touch them. This enables me to see what is wrong with them and where any problems lie.

"I can tell that you are healthy. But you have bad posture, which has made your spine curved. For two months you must stand straight, and correct your posture... then come back for more treatment."

Annick has been running her clinic in Hove,

Sussex, for four years. She brought the treatment to

England after spending ten years studying with Pierre Marion, a therapist who had revived the ancient healing art in France. She said: "I asked Pierre to teach me how to do recoonective therapy after I saw him eure my father.

move for eight months. Pierre visited our bouse and gently massaged his

back. After six sessions, my father could walk. The pain never returned."

She now works with 67-year-old Pierre who has been studying reconnective therapy for the last 43 years. He is now teaching other people what he taught Annick. He told me: "Very few people qualify. It takes three dedicated years to learn the art of reconnective therapy. It is a method that goes back to ancient Egypt."

But according to Pierre and Annick, the results of the "magic touch" can be miraculous. Annick explained: "Many of the people who come to us have given up hope. They have been to dozens of other experts. But, often, we can cure them - so long as the patient is committed to getting better."

Then Annick opened her casebook for me. She said: "One patient was a professional pianist called George Crisp. He was afraid he would never play again. George had terrible pain and his fingers moved less and less after sufferiog from spondylitis. This is a rheumatie disease which affects the joints. "His hospital offered him aspirins to ease the

pain. But doctors beld out no hope of a cure. After eight sessions here. George made a complete recovery. Three years later he is still fine and playing the piano. Then baehelor girl Annick told of the handsome

man, pursued by beautiful woman, who came to her and admitted what he considered to be a terrible secret. She said: "This ehap, who for obvious reasons I won't name, said he was impotent. "When I questioned him, he said he had com-

pletely given up eating red meat. I put him oo my diet, which means having red meat at least twice a week, and he no longer has his problem." Then there was the dramatic case of 63-year-old

Veronica, who could only bobble around in agony. Annick reported: "For eight years, Veronica had suffered terribly from arthritis and sciatica. She was barely able to walk. Veronica was overweight and had high blood pressure.

"She had tried doctors, specialists and therapists - all in vain. Then Veronica started an intensive

And she claims her red meat diet can make a man a tiger in the bedroom. Reports Faith Mall.

on our special eating plan, and she lost two stone (28 lbs) over a few months."

So what is the wonder diet that lets you eat as much as you like, so long as it is at the right time?
Annick explained: "You eat your three-course main meal between 4am and 9am. You can eat what you like, even pudding, and can bave a glass of wine. ui you musi aiso armk at icast airec

thoroughly, then take a sip after each mouthful. And recommend eating red meat, especially men, who should have it twice a week."

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early io the morning.
"The second meal should be eaten between 8 am

and 2 pm. The meal must be three times smaller than the first and should not contain starchy food, too much fat or oil, or any food you are allergic to. "It is important out to go back to bed after a meal.

explained: "I work on the theory that the body contains a system of memory banks - specific places in the reconnective tissues where teosions are stored." By touching the back and hetween the shoulder-

blades Anniek can detect these memory banks and diagnose illnesses. She said: "There's a nervous system memory bank and a heart memory bank in the shoulder-hiade area. There are also memory banks for allergy, the lungs and the liver. "These are like cassette tapes and every trauma is

recorded oo them. If a bank becomes full, physical or emotional illnesses follow. "Ao important part of our treatment consists of

massaging the appropriate points to empty the banks and wipe out the effects of stress."

Anniek examining my shoulder-blades, told me

Your memory banks are still quite empty. You seem to have no problems. "But you really should correct that posture now

breakfast and report for another spine-tingling session in two months' time.



# The manor of a hundred spooks

Mystery

The peaceful surrounding of Borley Rectory gave little indication of the frights that hid inside its walls. But vicars, investigating psychic and passersby have all experienced its chills ... even after it burned down.

#### By Marcus Blake

IT was called The Most Huunted House in England - and it certainly deserved the reputa-

Almost since the time-it was built, in 1863, a startling variety of ghostly happenings in Borley Rectory have terrified occupants of the rambling Victorian

And in some cases, the experiences has left them physically injured. Even after it burned down on

he night of Feb 27, 1939 Borle hosts were regularly reported. and are still seen today. Ronald Russell, one of Britain's top ghost-hunters says:

"Many people find the site oppressive and cold and elaim of experiencing various chilling phenomena. In particular though, it is the ghost of a nun. said to have been murdered 700 years ago, which is seen most. A phantomeoach and horses is also often reported."

And, when the rectory was destroyed by fire, some of its ghosts apparently moved to the nearby church. But nothing prepared Ronald Russell for the amazing results he achieved when he left sensitive recording equipment inside it one night with all entranees sceurely

"When we played back the recording therewere inexplicable sounds on it." adds the ghost-hunter. "There was a loud crush, as if some large metal object had been thrown to the ground, the sound of tearing paper and most chilling of all, a humanoid grunt that must have been made close to the microphone."

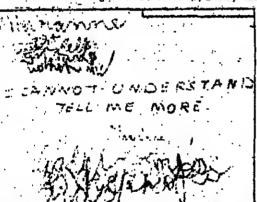
Borley Rectory was huilt by a former vicar of the parish, the Reverend Harry Bull, on the site of a previous rectory. According to local tradition a monastery stood there before that. It was said to be an ugly red-brick monstrosity and hardly added charm to the little Essex village.

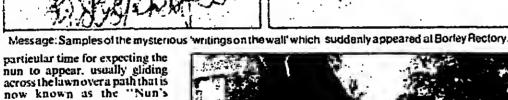
The vicar and his wife had 14 children and it seems they all soon grew used to mysterious occurrences in their home which varied from eerie footsteps, the sound of tinkling bells in empty rooms and unexplained appantions, including the phantom

The date of July 28 became a



Bad omen. The gutted ruin of creepy Borley Rectory, dubbed The Most Haunted House in Britain.





It is said that it is that day, around 700 years ago, when the nun was herrihly put to death after a love affair with a monk. The pair had tried to elope by horse drawn couch but were pursued and caught. The monk was hanged and the nun was walled up in a tiny room in her nearby convent to die a lingering death.

The succession of vicurs and their l'amilies who followed the Bulls in occupying Borley Rectory all became convinced the place was haunted.

But it was not until the Reverend Guy Smith lived there in 1929, that Borley hit the headlines and hecame famous. The vicar wrote to a national

newspaper, describing the frightening phenomena he and his family had experienced and asked for help. The newspaper recruited Harry Price, a famous psychic investigator of the time,

to look into it all. He found that the Reverend Smith and his wife were intelligent, much-travelled and sceptical people," yet they insisled Borley was plagued with terrifying inexplicable noises. Among their complaints were

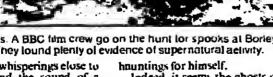


Ghostbusters. A BBC film crew go on the hunt for spooks at Borley

Rectory. They lound plenty of evidence of supernatural activity. hnuntings for himself. hair-raising whisperings close to their cars and the sound of a woman crying and dragging her

footsteps.
Ghostly lights went on and off in empty rooms, objects would disappear to be found later in unexpected pluces, the phuntom nun was a regular occurrence and a maid had seen the couch and horses dash across the lawn before disappearing into thin air. It was not long before Harry Price was experiencing Borley's

Indeed, it seems the ghosts of the rectory went out of their way



to prove their existence to the investigator. Soon after his arrival, he watehed to his astonishment a glass candlestick float down the stairs

and smash itself at his feet! As he watched, keys jumped unaided out of their locks. servant bells rang without being touched and --- more painfully stones and pieces of slate would



by the Reverend Guy Smith. He too experienced the house's

be thrown by unseen hands.
When Price's reports were published Borley Rectory became one of Britain's most celehrated haunted sites. Crowds of sightseers flocked to the village, breaking down hedges for a view of the house and tram-

Nnt surprisingly, within a month the vicar and bis family moved out. The rectory remained empty for 18 months and gradually it failed to make front-page news. Then, remarkably, the church

authorities persuaded another parson, the Reverend Lionel Foyster, and his wife Marianne to move in. And as if making up for lost time, the Borley ghosts soon set to work on the new occupants.

But now they were more violent. Marianne Foyster was punehed in the eye by a phantom fist and hit by a flying door-knoh. The vicar was painfully awakened one night hy a blow to the head from a hairbrush held in an unseen hand.

Yet, they stayed put, recording every paranormal occurrence they experienced. After 15 months they had noted more than 2,000 such incidents. Some were just simply irritating ghostly "practical jokes." Mrs Foyster's best tempot, for instance, was constantly disappearing and reuppearing.

Just once the ghosts actually performed a good deed when they deposited a stack of hymn books from some unknown source on the kitchen floor. As the Borley Church was short of them, they came in handy!

But chilling messages such as "Marianne help get," found scratched on walls, and inexplicable small tires in the building, eventually forced the Foysters to attempt an exorcism.
With the assistance of a fellow

elergyman, Lionel Foyster moved frum room to room in the house, sprinkling holy water and chanting prayers. But far from driving out the ghosts it seemed to make them angry.

#### Women in combat

# Uncle Sam says no to testing skills

WASHINGTON. (Reuter): Women have the skills for combat but many lack the stamina and only battle can test their aggressioo and ability tostand the memal strain, military experts say.
But the question of bow well women could fight is academic because the United States

Congress is disinclined to put them in combat units even on a test basis.

Women in the US military can fly combat planes, command ships, fire guns, launch missiles, drop bombs - m fact any combat job in

the air force or navy, officials say. But the navy's highest ranking woman, Rear Admiral Roberta Hazard, says women's proven ability to perform such jobs "wonderfully well" is not the issue.

"It is the motivation of not a few women but all women who might be involved in this to engage in what I call disciplined violence, even disciplined vengeance, which is really what we're talking about," she said.
"It's the sustained combat environment

which you're not going to replicate under any set of circumstances other than combat itself," she told a Senate Defence Subcommittee. The admiral said she did not believe either the navy or Americans in general were ready to test women's combat ability by actually putting

Tests in Canada, which has begun putting women into combat units, have found they can do the air force and navy combat jobs but most do not have the stamina for day after day uf infantry warfare, said Commander Judith Har-

per who conducted the tests.
"It is not: can you throw a grenade? Can you walk 40 miles? Can you varry a heavy back-pack?" said Harper, director of Canada's combas related employment of women (crew)

programme.
"It is: can you throw the grenade after 40 miles at walking with the backpack" she said. She said more men can do it because of lifetimes of physical compention and said it would take years of raising girls the same way to

prepare them for infantry combat.
One Canadian woman, private Heather Eraleben, is already prepared and is serving along-

side men in a Canadian battle course and 40 others dropped out when they saw how tough the training would be. Whether women can be effective killers in

warfare has not yet been determined, Harper "We know women can be aggressive when don't know what the effect will be of women in combat."

Canada's Human Rights Commission ruled last month, following Harper's tests, that women must be integrated into Canadian combat units "with all due speed." Norway, Denmark, Beigium and the Netherlands are also putting women into combat

course of treatment here. Within six months she was pain-free, was able to walk with ease, and her blood pressure was down. She was a very grateful patient." Then Anniek told me about the case of the manicurist from America who became so ill that she lost her job. She said: "Dorothy had torn the muscles and ligaments of her left foot in an accident. Her foot had never healed properly and doctors and specialists in America said they could do nothing for her. Dorothy even found standing up was very painful. After three treatments bere, she was able to walk without feeling any pain. Dorothy told us that she'd never felt so good. Anniek also helped a teenager loose weight after a year of dieting had failed. She told me: "The girl was having normal adolescence problems and lacked self-confidence because of her weight. She came to the clinic and, by applying pressure to her spine, I diagnosed an over-active thyroid gland. So I put her

or very weak tea with the meal.

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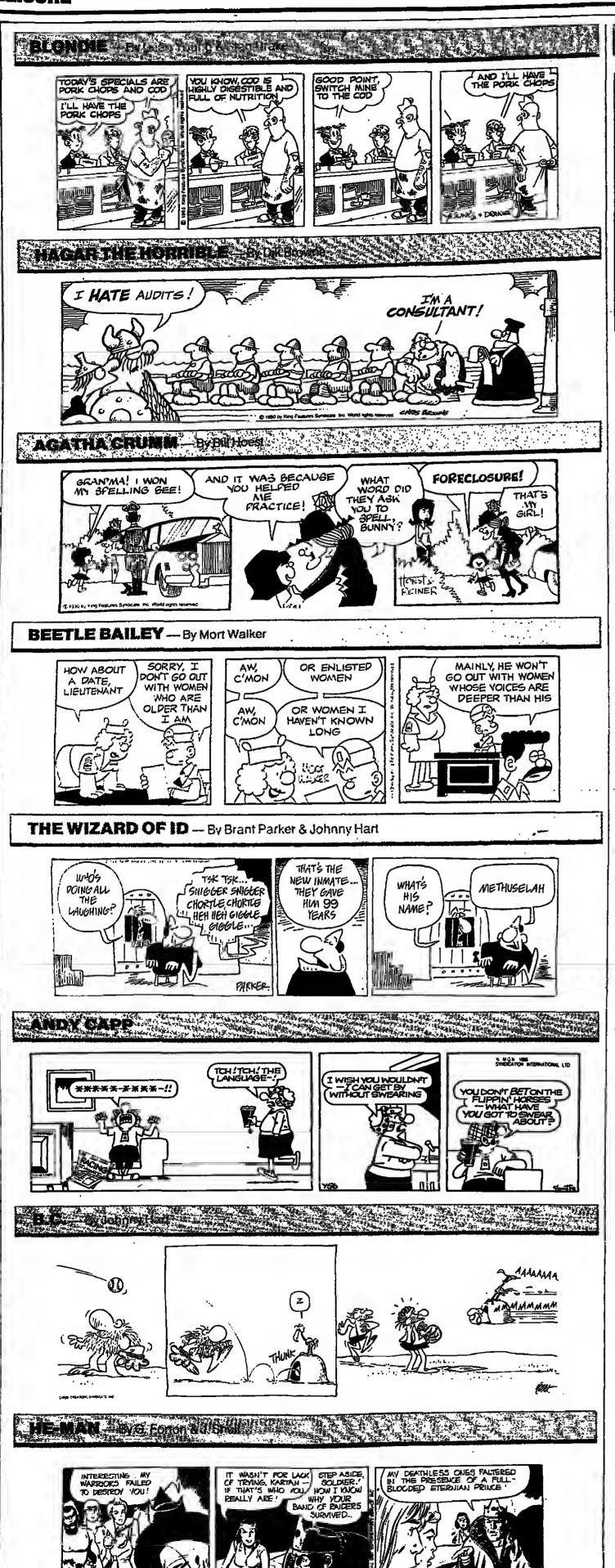
"We tell patients to chew each mouthful

She went on: "It is essential to go to bed by 9 pm at

Wait at least two hours after the first meal and three hours after the second meal." And how does that magic touch work? Anniek

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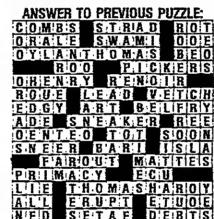
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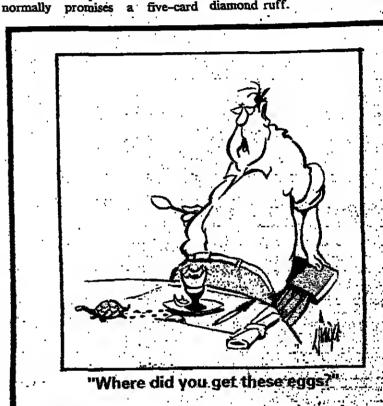
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USE YOUR ENTRIES WELL trump holding, and South should Both vulnerable. North deals. have deducted a point from the count because of the square shape. and lack of intermediates. Thus, **★ A 7.62** game is unlikely in view of North's ♥ K Q 4 2

single raise. West led the top of the diamond sequence and declarer did not fancy his prospects. Even with a 3-2 trump split, there was a sure loser in each major suit, so South could not afford to lose more than one diamond. In addition, he would have to find the ace of hearts with West, as well as entries to hand, to lead hearts twice toward dummy.

After a routine duck of the opening lead, declarer won the diamond continuation and then finessed the jack of clubs. When that held, declarer took his two high clubs, discarding the table's remaining diamond. West elected not to ruff, instead discarding a diamond.

A low heart was led toward the When your contract is not a thing board's honors. West played low of beauty, you must take care to manage your assets to yield the maximum return. The last thing you can and the king won. Now, ace and king of trumps put declarer in hand afford is to squander a key entry or seemingly unimportant court card. to lead a second heart toward dum-North-South reached a four- my. The best West could do was to spade contract that was, to say the rise with the ace and extract a third least, precarious. We are not enhome with three trump tricks, two thralled with South's game invitahearts, a diamond, three clubs and a tion of three spades. That action diamond ruff.



#### VOUR STARS



You bave made a mistake but there is still time to correct it. Discuss thiogs with your partoer before taking action. Your lucky numbers are 9 and 36. Do not be premature in entrusting a con-fidence to a new acquaintance. Be cordial.



You should oot allow your emotions to take precedence over your reason. However, do ensure that you do not altogether suppress your emocons either. Try to rid yourself of some prejudices. Be reliable.



You will be able to do something you have long wanted to do. And you will be very bappy you have dooeso. You should be prepared to take the matter at hand a little more seriously. Be moderate.



You will encounter an obstacle you had oot foreseen but it will be within your powers to deal with it. You should nowever, use a little more commonsense. Fanciful methods are not appropriate right oow. Make sure you do not waste time. Be less greedy.



You would be wrong to pretend to knowledge you have not got, far better to admit your ignorance on this subject. You are rather more liable to lose your way, best to carry a map with you. Do oot have too many late nights io succession, you oeed to be well rested just now.



Not everything will be quite to your liking. However, if you are sensible you will yet be able to do what you know has to be dooe. Try to see things form other people's point of view, too. Be sensible.



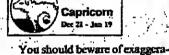
You are more liable to quarrel with a friend and should be on your guard against doing so. A good opportunity is in dauge of being missed because you do not realise it is there until too late. You should avoid trying to do too many things all at ooce.. Be generous.



Try to ensure that you do not do anything that would interfere with the legitimate activities of others. Make sure you do not loose touch another location. Be sincere.



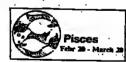
Show more respect for your elders — one day you will be like them. Someone you had thought to be a friend of yours will turn out not to be. Make sure you do not reveal something told to you io confidence. Be punctual.



tions. And do not ignore certain restrictions that have been for the state of the s for your own good, too. You will have something to be pleased about where your personal affairs are

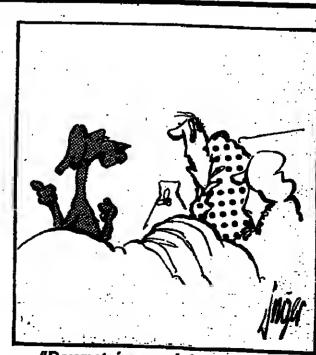


You will be more lucky than you have been of late, but more in a negative way of what has not happened to you. Avoid spending money in the hope that a certain eventuality that is all too likely to happen will oot.



You are rather too inclined to postpone thiogs, beware of so doing. Do oot expect others to be at your bid and call, show just a little more restraint; but do not lapse into passivity. Be tactful.





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Al Pacino with Ellen Barkin in Sea of Love



Stallone marries Brigitte Nielson

#### People

### A multi-view of Franklin, the multifaceted man

PHILADELPHIA. (UPI): As if Benjamin Franklin hasn't been studied, analysed, written about, honoured and quoted enough. This week some of the world's leading Franklin scholars will spend three days discussing their latest research on Franklin's life and

achievements. The symposium, which begins April 17, includes lecturers by 27 specialists in 18th century North American literature, science, colonial history and art history. Lectures by Franklin hiographers and editors will take place at several sites in Philadelphia and Delaware. Papers presented at the symposium will be published later in two

"They are all premiere Franklin historians from throughout the world giving you the benefit of their most recent thoughts on the subject and from that, there should be something new," said Doris Fanelli, sopervisory curator at Independence National Historical Park

Supervisory curator at Independence National Historical Park.

Topics scheduled for discussion among the scholars include: "Franklin as crime reporter," "Franklin as founding father of American humour," "Franklin and traditional mosic," "Franklin and emigration," "Franklin as publisher and bookseller," "Franklin as an enlightened natural philosopher," Franklin on the American Indian" and "The enemics of Benjamin Franklin."

"He was not only a statesman or only a printer or only a scientist. He

was all of these things," Fanelli said. as an or mese things, a unem said. Franklin also was a journalist, a philosopher, the nation's first postmaster general, a diplomat, a humourist, an inventor, a politician

and quite a ladies' man. The symposium is part of the city's yearloag observance of the bicentennial anniversary of Franklin's death on April 17, 1790.

J.A. Leo Lemay, a professor of English at the University of Delaware, said a Franklin symposium was held in 1956 on the 250th aware, sary of Franklin's birth, but nothing has been staged on the

scale of this month's gathering. "This is the largest international symposium I think there's ever been," said Lemay, who will present his research on "The theme of

vanity in Franklin's autobiography." "Most autohiographers seem vain and puffed up and .. you find yourself disgusted with them because they seem inordinately proud of

the things they've done," said Lemay. "The autohiography is a form, a very difficult one for a writer to be

successful in. Franklin wrote the greatest autobiography in modern mea. Lemay said Franklin's autohiography, titled simply "Autohiogra-

phy", has been one of the most popular books of its kind since the 18th century and has been translated into more languages than any other

autobiography.

In the book, Franklin overcomes the temptation to be vain by using humour to poke fun at himself and appear foolish, said Lemay.

"He pretends to be a naive man, a dandy and a showoff and tells us things that make us feel better than him." he said.

Jack Greene, a humanities professor at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, will discuss how Franklin's American point of view affected his interpretation of events concerning the British Empire.

A. Owen Aldridge, professor emeritus of comparative literature at the University of Illinois, Urbana, will discuss "the alleged Puritanism of Franklin's religion and ethics."

Aldridge denies that Franklin's views stem from a fundamentally Puritan background, but argues his ideas were typical of the enlightenment philosophy of the 18th century.

# Why women can't resist those Italian stallions

#### By Judy Byrne

WHEN American cool meets Italian hot-bloodedness, the resulting fire and ice are the stuff that heartthrobs are made of.

Like Sylvester Staffone, Al Pacino, Robert De Nuo and John Travolta who combine commonsense with a large measure of sex appeal.

The Italian Stallions star not only on the screen hut in the fantasies of a million women. But what are they really like, the real men behind the sexy facades? Are they always all they seem?

Perhaps the shyest of them all is Pacino, now 50, torn in New York to Sicilian parents and brought up dut poor in the South Bronx.

It was a lonely childhood. Al was an only child whose father left home when he was still a toddler and whose mother and grandputents kept him indoors, lovingly prutected from the rough world outside until he was seren.

His grandfather told him marvellous fantisy

stories. His mother tank him to see films as an escape. And even as a small boy, Pacino came home and re-created the roles he had seen in them.

Al, who made it big with films like The Godfather, Serpico and Dog Day Afternoon has been nominated five times for an Oscar.

Yet he is so timid of the limelight that when he

thought he might be voted Best Actor for the disillusioned cop in Serpico, he spent the awards ceremony swallowing valuum in case he had to make an acceptance speech.

In Hollywood he is known as something of a recluse. Yet his success with women testifies to the potency of the Italo-American mix.

Pacino, currently filming The Godfather III and enjoying his first hit movie for several years with the recently --- released Sea Of Love, has been linked with beautiful women including Jil Clayburgh, Kathleen Quinlan, Marthe Keller and Tuesday Weld and shares a roof with Diane Reaton whom he may even get round to marrying.

bitter double blaw, the difficulty of adjusting to such sudden hyperfame and the shock of several flops on the trot were more than he could cope with

Now life has taken an upturn again. Travolta is about to pocket a £5 million pick me up for another sequel to Sourday Night Ferer and Staring Alive. Meanwhile, Lauk Who's Talking has been a smasheroo at the American box office.

He says. "I became hig in 1975. It took me until 1985 to learn how to deal with it. I've even had other famous people come up to me and say 'John, we've learnt from your nustake' and I say 'Which one'"

At one point he was spending \$20,000 a week on parties for his Hollywood pals "I have learned a lot since those days," he says, "I don't play violins for myself. I want no sympathy." In his recluse phase, Travolta turned to junk food

and piled on the pounds. He turned down the Tom Hanks role in Splash: and the Bruce Willis part in Blind Date and turned from his childhood faith, Catholicism, to Scientislogy.

"The church, my family and a few good friends

made it virtually impossible for me not to survive even the roughest times," he says.

The turning point for the star, who had a long relationship with Tuxi star Marilu Henner until she suddenly married actor Frederic Fortest, was a meeting with Princess Diana when the Reagans invited him to a White House dinner for her in 1985. The princess asked him to dance. Suddenly, des-

pite a cureer and a love life in tatters, things did not He says. "It was a fabulous moment for me. The princes tooked sensational and she moved well.

"And when the dance ended, I thought to myself."
John, things can't be too had." It was Kirstie Alley, his co-star in Look Who's Talking, who helped him finish off the resurrection

job by getting him back into shape. He says: "Kristie is one super-tit lady. She got me wimming, walking and on a strict diet. I lost about

30 lbs, and feel a lot better for it," Now the 35-year-old actor has fallen in love

They're hot stuff on the screen and their torrid real-life romances back up their sex-symbol status. No wonder Stallone, De Niro, Pacino and Travolta are fantasy figures for millions of female admirers.

#### De Niro

Robert De Niro, too, was a painfully shy loner of a child who used to wander the streets of New York's Little Italy alune after school. Eventually he joined a local street gang in which he was nicknamed Bohhy Milk because, he says, he was "pale and strange".

He starred in The Godfather II as Vito Corlcone. winning an Oscar for a role that involved only half a dozen words of English. The rest of his dialogue was Sicilian dialect which he mastered perfectly for the

De Niro's professional trademark is the perfectionism with which he tackles every role. He learned to play lenor saxophone for New York, New York, bought silk underwear from the same store as Al Capone to play the gangster in The Untouchables. He put on 60 lbs and spent so much time in the ring

that he was said to rank among the world's top 20 middleweights to prepare to be boxer Jake La Motta in Raging Bull.

The other side of the coin is an ability to vanish into the role. Unlike other actors who are always recognisable as themselves whatever the part, De Niro -- who was divorced, from his wife, actress Diahnne Abott, while he was making Ruging Bull -

has the knack of submerging himself. That spills over into his private life where he admits he sometimes uses disguises to retain his anonymity. "It is not a question of privacy hut of balance -- of what your life's about," he says. "It's the way I am. I don't know how to be any other

But the private star is really a romantie, he is to marry long time love Toukie Smith in a remote Scottish castle on Thanksgiving Day "because we've got so much to be thankful for".

#### ● Travolta

John Travolta, that sizzling Italian-American cocktail with a dash of English and Irish thrown in. went to ground for a time, too. His smouldering good looks - with the most hypnotic blue eyes in the world - had made him so big so fast that he simply failed to handle it.

Travolta, the youngest of a family of six, moved from California to Florida in his wilderness years. He had made the big time early with the role of Vinnie Barbarino in the TV comedy series Welcome Back, Kotter Saturday Night Fever won him an Oscar nomination -- and a role in the daydreams of

When he arrived in London to promote Grease. police had to hold back the kind of crowd previously seen only for the Beatles and the Rolling Stones. At

the premiere, he admitted he feared for his life. When his first serious love Dinna Hyland died in his arms from cancer, it was his family he turned to.

The youngest of a family of six used to return often to the house where his parents had lived together for 40 years, where his father's rocking chair had always stood in the same spot in the living room as tyre salesman Sam Travolta had rocked each bahy to sleep in turn. And where his mother, Helen, cooked the pizzas

and spagetli he loved. Sadly, his mother died a year after Diana. The

again, too. Blonde Kelly Prestnn, 24, who co-started with him in The Experts, is also co-starring in his life. They may even marry for the actor finally feels ready for a family of his own.

#### ● Stallone

If Travnita had a happy family childhood, Stallone was another innely outcast in New York's infamous Hell's Kitchen section of Brooklyn where the other kids tormented him for his slurred speech and lopsided face (damaged during an instrument hirth) and his father beat him up, according to his

He was 10 when Jacqueline Stallone divorced his father and moved with Sly and his brother Frank

and sister Toni-An to Philadelphia.

Stallone who had been moved from school to sehool with what one teachers called "an attention deficit", continued to do badly at sehool. His mother says he was a flat-footed kid never allowed

to join in games at sehool. He was down to his last \$100 and wife Sasha who had been supporting them both — was pregnant when he sat down and wrote the script of Rocky over a long weekend.

He kept his nerve when a studio offered to huy it outright, holding out for a deal in which he got to star for a small fee, plus a percentage of what turned

out to be huge profits. The rest is one of the most remarkable rags-toriches stories in the history of Hollywood.

But if Sly, now making Rocky IV has had women drolling over him on screen, he has had less luck

finding love in close-up. He divorced Sasha (mother of Sage, 13, and Seargeoh, 101, in 1984 and second wife Brigitte Nielsen three years later.

Since then, his girlfriends have included socialite Cornelia Guest, game-show hostess Vanna White and Rod Stewart's ex-wife, Alana.

All three ended up furious with him after he announced he was having a once-a-month Aids eheck and that he had bedded more than 1,000 "himbos" over the previous 25 years. Cornelia Guest said of 43-year-old Stallone: "I

may be out of his life now but I can't forgive him. It was quite outrageous. Alana exploded: "It's monstrous."

And Vanna added: "He's nnt Rambo, just a dast Dumbo... I'm nn prude but Sixties-style macho hragging about entlecting sexual scalps rings a little

Stallone, who says he is more into philosphy and modern art than sexual conquests, insisted he did nnt mean to upset his former women - or his fans. Now the wnman in his life is model Jennifer

Flaven, 22, and Sly says he is shy of long-term But he insists he still dreams of finding lasting happiness. He says: "I've been fortunate in that my professional amhitions have been realised. Now it's

my private life that needs to be realigned. I want a family and I want an idealistic relationship with the while white-picket-fence, wife-at-thefront-door thing. It may never happen but it is the one goal I have left to achieve before I die."



Travolta and Olivia Newton-John in the 1978 smash. Grease



Rol. . . De Niro with Meryl Streep in Falling In Love

#### Travel

### Secrets of Dover's white cliffs

THE famous white cliffs of Dover are about to reveal their secrets: tunnels, some dating from the Napoleonie wars, and used as Strategie Command Headquarters in World War II, honeycomh the cliffs. Some are being opened to the public on May 14 hy Dame Vera Lynn. "Forces' sweetheart" of the

levels of passages and rooms are now in the ease of English Heritage, currently training guides for 50-minute tours of the middle level: built around 1800 to house cannons to defend Dover harbour.

The underground HQ was visited by Winston Churchill during World War II, and as well as overseeing Channel defences, "Hellfire Corner" was where Vice-Admiral Bertram Ramsey masterminded the Dunkirk evacuation of over 300,000 British and French troops in 1940. From May 27 to June 4, Dover is staging special even is to mark the 50th anniversary of the evacua-

Visitors to Hellfire Corner will see a 10-minute cinema programme on the history before exploring the tunnels, and after reaching fresh air on a halcony 400 feet op the cliff, can visit a cafe, exhibition and souvenir

#### The Beatles Story A new, all-year-round attrac-tion devoted to the Beatles recen-

tly opened in Liverpool's Albert The Beatles Story will trace

John, Paul, George and Ringo from their roots in the famous Cavern Club in the 1960s to the present day. Designed to appeal to youngsters who know little about the band, as well as older fans, it will use the latest technology, include film of the Fah Four, and have a replica of the Cavern Club where they first made their name, and played on

many occasions.
"It isn't just going to be a collection of relies, and will show visitors exactly what it was like to be in Liverpool when the Beatles were starting out," says managing director Mike Byrne, a former musician who played alongside the Beatles in their Cavern heyday - his wife Bernadette has been a Beatles guide in the city for eight years.

Liverpool, 210 miles northwest of London, already offers Beaile coach tours; a Beatle shop; and Beatle weekends among its other attractions. On May 5, a massive concert is set to take place at Pier Head - a short walk from Albert Dock - as a tribute to John Lennon. Lou Reed, Cyndi Lauper, Deacon Blue and Joe Cocker have already confirmed they will be playing, with many more acts expected - the stars will be singing cover versions of Lennon's

#### "Great Expectations" house opens

The Elizabethan house which inspired Charles Dickens when writing his novel "Great Expectations" has been restored and is opening to the public -- including a re-creation of Miss Havisham's room, complete with cobwebs and wedding cake. Restoration House in Rochester, 31 miles southeast of London, was built in 1587 and given its name hy King Charles II on his return to England after 11 years' exile. The house is owned and has been repaired by entertainer Rod Hull, who has spent £500,000 on this "labour of love".

Dickens, who renamed the residence Satis House for his story, is said to have been seen staring through the gates the day before he died. The nearhy Cha-ries Dickens Centre hrings to life many of his other stories; while the annual Dickens Festival (May 31-June 3) hrings the city out in costume.

#### A key to London's clubs

Holidaymakers who want to sample Lundon's ever-changing eluh scene hut don't know where to start are being offered a "key to easy, hassle-free raving."

For £5 (plus £1 packaging and posting overseas) they can obtain "The Key Card" which entitles them to use a special 24-hour hotline, updated daily with the latest on the cluh "scene", and information on the clusive weekend one-nighters. Within the next few months the company hopes to have hotlines in French and Italian as well as English; with German and Spanish planned for the autumn.

The card, which lasts three months, also offers discounts on at least one club, plus reductions on certain shops which sell clothes aimed at clubbers. On arrival in London, visitors can call at the company's offices and collect their club ticket - and for those who have difficulty understanding the hotline, a written guide to the week's best events. Contact: Rachael Beardshaw. The Key, RPL Ltd, 535 Kings Road, London SW100SZ, Tel: 01-353 7440 or 01-376 7997.



QUESTION: Dad's medicine cabinet seems stocked with an ahundant supply of medications to treat his conjective heart failure. It's frightening. Can you explain why so many drugs are used in treat one illness? Answer: Your father could be suffering from one (or more)

or several specific conditions that can be contributed to his heart failure. Each of the condinons may need treatment with one for more) different medicines. All drugs pres-cribed for congestive heart failure are aimed at trying to correct deficiencies in the heart's pumping action. Also, if your father has been ill for a long while, his condition may have changed from time to time, which could be required

changes in one nr more of his medications. To try to answer your question more fully, let's briefly discuss this heart condition and some medications frequently used to treat it.

Our hearts not only act as pumps that feed the body's cells, they also help other organs chiminate certain wasted fluids. Certain types of congestive heart failure can be caused when our kidneys — for what ever reason eliminate enough water. Edema (water retention) can occur in the lungs and other parts of the body, such as the ankle. In such cases, the heart can be seriously overworked as it tries to help the kidneys relieve fluid congestion.

Diureucs often are prescribed in treating patients suffering such conditions. Diuretics promote water excretion which, in turn, cases demand on the heart. There are different classes of diuretics, each with various actions. It's possible that your father may have taken hydrochloroth-iazide, burnetanide, triamterene, or others from more than

#### Many different drugs may be needed for heart problem

one class as his physician irred to develop the best course of therapy for him. Annther group of drugs is prescribed when something is

wrong with the heart's muscle itself. These are the cardiac glycosides which have been used for more than 200 years. Digoxin probably is the most widely known of that group. but many people still call drugs in this group "digitalis. Vasodilatur drugs are prescribed in cause blood vessels to expand when there is need for increased blood flow. In

this group there are drugs which cause vessel expansion in one, or a few selected parts of the body and others that act nn virtually every blood vessels. So your father might take one type of these at some point, and another as his illness changes. Among vasodilators that he may have been prescribed are hydralazine, nitroglycrin preparations,

prazosin or others. Another class of medications useful in treating failure are the angiotensin converting enzyme [ACE] inhabitors,

such as captopril, lisinopril and enalapril. So you see, there have been a need for quite a number of drugs, with a wide variety of actions, to help your father. Reviewing this with you may have given a better perception of the difficulties doctors face in providing their patients with the specific, individualized care necessary to control chronic or difficult-to-treat diseases. However, you may put this information in good use. Collect all the medications that are currently in that medicine cabinet and ask his physician about the medications your father is currently taking. It's a great way of making sure that a complicated schedule is being properly adhered 10.

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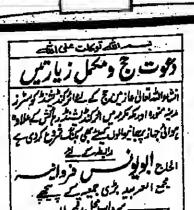
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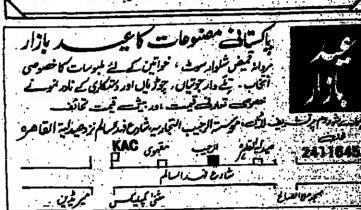
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# Lineker helps Spurs move up

EONDON. April 17. (Reuter):England striker Cary Lineker scored his 25th goal of the season yesterday to send Tottenham Holspur into fourth place in the English Soccer

Lineker's 49th minute goal in Spurs' 1-0 win at relegated Miliwall confirmed him as the League's top goalscore; on a day of reduced action with the top two teams resting.

League leaders Liverpool visit champions Arsenal tomorrow and second-placed Aston Villa were to play FA Cup finalists Manchester United away at Old Trafford this evening

In the absence of the leaders. third-placed Everton consolidated their position with a 2-1 win at home to Derby, all the goals coming in an 18 minute burst in the second half.

And Crystal Palace, United's opponents in the Wembley final after bearing holders Liverpool 4-3, were routed 3-0 at Chelsea after being reduced to 10 men in the first half.

An error by Martin Taylor, England guolkeeper Peter Shilton's deputy at Derhy, put Everton in front after \$1 minutes

when Ray Atteveld caught him off his line with a lobbed ball.

The 23 year-old keeper had been Derby's hero in the first half with a series of fine saves and deflections

Derby equalised 111 minutes later through England defender Mark Wright hut Ireland international Kevin Sheedy hit Everton's winner in the 69th with a sharp, left-footed volley

Striker Kerry Dixon scored for Chelsea, whose 11-match unbeaten run ended on Saturday with a 1-0 home defeat by Villa, in the 22nd minute for his 19th road of the season.

Sexteen minutes later, Palace defender Gary O'Reilly, one of the heroes of the FA Cup semilinal against Liverpool, was sent off for a toul on Chelsea's Gordon Dutic

Kevin Wilson hit Chelsea's second goal in the 60th minutes and Graham Stuart wrapped up the match in the 73rd. Palace, hit hy injury, remained

four from bottom after their defeat, seven points clear of the relegation zone. Nottingham, Forest, who have had a recent disastrous run.



Millwall players try to stop Lineker (centre). (Fixuter wirephoto)

with a 3-D home win against relegation-threatened Luton.

Manchester City beat Norwich 1-0, striker Adrian Heath sconne in the fourth minute with a goal that should ensure the club's First Division survival after a troubled season.

Stoke City were relegated to the Third Division after losing 3-0 to promotion hopefuls New castle.

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record with his time of two boars easht minutes 14 seconds that left pre-race favourite Jama Ikangaa of Tanzania second for the third consecutive year. Mota's victory was never in doubt as she became the first

Bordin set an Italian national

three-time winner of the women's division in the world's oldest continuing marathon in

The 31-year-old Bordin, the first Italian to win in Boston, moved in front oo the course's infamous Heartbreak Hill, after 20 miles (32 kms) and never relinquished the lead as he crossed the finish 1:49 ahead of the uring Ikangaa.

For the first 16 miles (25.7 km) Ikangaa, who lost hy one second in 1988 and by 48 seconds last year, set a blistering courserecond pace heading a pack that included 1988 winner Ibrahim Hussein of Kenya and his compatriot Kipkemboi Kimeli.

Bordin had wisely opted to stay back of the peace setters at that stage of the race.

Bordin began to make his move at the 17th mile (27.3 km) as the course woods through Boston's suburbs toward the city centre while lkangaa held a slim lead over Kimeli.

Ikangaa, who finished in 2:09:52, said he had set out to break the 2:06:50 world record of Ethiopian Belaine Densimo, but cramped up on Heartbreak Hill.

Finishing third among the men was Rolando Vera of Ecuador in 2:10:46 and 41 -yearold New Zeulander John Campbell was fourth in 2:11:04, ahead of former champion and course record holder Roh de Castella of Australia, who clocked 2:11:28.

Mota a late entry who was sidelined last year due to back problems, benefitted from a woman's field missing defending champion and world record holder Ingrid Kristiansen of Norway and American Joan Benoit Samuelson.

Moia, who won back-to-back Boston titles in 1987 and 1988. was never challenged and finished two minutes 39 seconds clear of West German Uta Pippig, who clocked 2:28:03. American Maria Trujillo, second for most of the race, finished third in 2:28:53, ahead of compatriots Kamila Gradus (2:28:56) and Kim Jones (2:31:01].



Bordin breaks the tape to win the race. (Reuter wirepholo)



Mota lifts the arms in joy as she breaks the tape. [Reuter wirephoto]

■French champion Mustafa Badid shattered the world's best time by more than seven minutes in the men's wheelchair division. while Jean Driscoll of the University of Illinois destroyed the previous women's record in her first appearance at the race.

Pumping his arms rhyth-mically. Badid breezed in at 1:29:53, over one and half min-

utes ahead of Franz Nietlispach of Switzerland, who came in at 1:31:31. The previous best time was set by Philippe Couprie when he won last year's marathon in 1:36:04.

In the women's race, Driscoll, 23, sailed in at 1:43:17, almost a minute over her teammate from the University of Illinois, 26-

# takes **BKME** into final

Dixon (right) and O'Reilly chase the ball, (Reuter wirephoto)

BKME subdued Lanka Lions in the semifinals of the Friday knockout tournament, played at the Ahmadi Oval last Friday. Played in warm and bright sunshine, the match proved to be another cliff-hunger with dwindling fortunes until the very last over of the match.

Batting first, BKME amassed a seemingly safe total of 204 for seven wickets in their allotted thirty overs. But they had to summon all their resources to thwart the challenge of the determined Lions who fought all the way but failed by a whisker. Undoubtedly, the highlight of the

match was a swashhockling century by Ashfaq R. Khan, the stylish wicketkeeper batsman of BKME, whose elegance and amuzing consistency is being talked about in only Phis first full season in Kuwait. His 104 was scored off only 72 batls. contained 13 effortless fours and a towering six.

Ashfaq featured in several fruitful partnerships, notable being those for the second wicket with Sethi (11) in which 43 runs were added. Then with Ronnie Sr (9) for the fourth wicket worth 40 runs and with Ayoub [13] for the fifth wicket which brought 50 runs. Others who made useful contributions were. Saleem (11), Ram Mohan (17 o.u.). and Rodney [17 n.o.).

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Chula returned the best howling figures for the Lions with a haul of three for 51 runs. Dhammika was next best with two for 45 while Razil and Madugalle chipped in with a scalp each.

When Lanka Lions replied, it was Miraj who outshone all the rest with a well-controlled and highly disciplined knock of 93 runs. Madugalle too played very well to score 33 runs in a partnership worth 65 runs for the second wicket with Miraj.

Miraj combined with Donald (17) for the fourth wicket which produced 59 runs and with Ranil (22) in a fifth wicket partnership of

The Lions kept abreast with the asking rate of seven per uver and with Miraj at the crease, it looked as with Miraj at the crease, it looked as if his perseverance will pay off. At 171 for four and with five overs remaioing, they needed 34 to win, but at this point Ram Muhan had Miraj caught by Saleem. Miraj's 93 contained five fours and a six. This brought about a college with the brought about a collapse and the Lions lost their remaining five wickers for a meagre of 23 runs and fell short of the target by eleven runs. Saleem was the pick of the BKME bowlers, claiming two for 44. Ayouh, Ronnie Jr. and James got a wicket each. Ram had the prized scalp of Miraj and Taren had

Dhammika to clinch victory.

In the final to be played next Friday, BKME will meet Lanka

the distinction of bowling last man



# Ashfaq's 104 Marseille aim to reach Cup final

LONDON, April 17, Reuter: Chris Wadule and Jean-Pierre Papin, Marseille's seemingly irresistible Anglo-French strike force, aim to outwit Benfiea on Wednesday and propel a French club into the European Cup final for the first time in 14 years.

But Marseille must also make sure their defence holds as they take a 2-1 first leg lead to Lisbon for the semifinal return and seek the right to meet either Italian holders AC Milan or West German former champions Bayern Munich in the final in Vienna on May 23. Bayern, who need to overturn a 1-0 first leg

deficit in Munich, were the club who thwarted the last French European Cup finalists, St Etienne, back in 1976. Bayern, who had knocked St Etienne out in the semifinals the previous season, collected

the trophy for the third successive year with that victory but have not won it since. Twice beaten finalists in the past decade, Bayern held out in Milan two weeks ago until Dutch striker Marco van Basten netted a lale penalty, leaving the return leg delicately

poised. Marseille, like Milan, take a slender one-

goal advantage into the perilous away leg.
Papin, who has scored in six of his seven European Cup outings this season, gave them that edge after team mate Franck Sauzee had responded swiftly to an early Benfica strike by Adesualdo Lima.

There must always be a fast player to mark Papin and make sure he doesn't escape, Benfica's Swedish coach Sven Eriksson said

Marseille are the only team in the semifinal quartet never to have won the trophy and have spent a fortune in their bid to become the first French club to capture it.

Reims, beaten by Real Madrid in the inaugural final in 1956 and victims of the Spanish maestros again in 1959, and St Etienne are the only French clubs to have reached the final. But England winger Waddle, huoyant after

scoring twice in Saturday's 2-0 win over arch-

rivals Bordeaux which tilted Marseille to the top of the domestie League table, says his club are the pick of the last four. "Of the four European Cup semifinalists. Marseille are the best. And if I fear anyone it's

Bayern rather than Milan. Bayern are more solid in every situation," he told the sports Daily L'Equipe.

Murseille, however, must first dispose of Benfica, European Cup champions back in 1961 and 1962. The French club's destiny may depend on former international goalkeeper

jittery since he was drafted into the side after firt-choice keeper Gaetan Huard broke a leg in the quarterfinuls. Benfica warmed up for the fray with a 3-1 win over Braga in the Estadio da Luz where they expect 120,000 fans to roar them on

lean Castaneda, who has looked decidedly

against Marseille. Swedish striker Mats Magnusson scored once to hoist his tally for the season to 29 one more than Marseille's Papin, leading marksman in the French First Division as

Magnusson is in Portugal.

Bayern and Milan were also in winning form in their last League outings, Bayern stretching their Bundesliga lead to four points with a 3-0 win over Karserslautern last Thursday and Milan defeating Sampdoria 1-0 the following day.

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Milan, level on points with Napoli at the top of the Italian League, will once again be without suspended winger Roberto Donadoni and injured international midfield colleague Carlo Ancelotti as well as long-sidelined Dutchman Ruud Gullit.

Sampdoria aim for their second successive European Cup-Winners' Cup final when they entertain Monaco after a 2-2 first leg draw in the Mediterranean principality in which their striker Giantuca Vialli scored twice in three minutes late in the second half.

Beigium's Anderlecht, who ousted holders Barceluna, defend a 1-0 first leg lead against Dinamo Bucha rest in their semifinal return in Romania.

In the UEFA Cup, Fiorentina and Werder Bremen faced action in Perugia this evening after a 1-1 draw in West Germany, where Werder had earlier demolished holders Napuli.

Roberto Baggio signalled a timely return to form for Fiorentina with two goals in their 3-1 win over Verona at the weekend.

In the second semifinal -- another Italy-West Germany duel - Juventus take on Cologne away tomorrow having squandered a 3-0 first half lead in the first leg and allowed the West Germans to pull back to 3-2.

#### Brazil name team for World Cup finals St Patrick's win

DUBLIN, April 17, (Reuter): SI Patrick's Athletic elinched their first Irish Soccer League Championship title for 34 years when they defeated Drogheda United 2-0 yesterday.

It was the fourth time St Patrick's had won the title in their 61-year history and earned them the right to represent the Irish Republic in next season's

#### (Flamengo). It contains seven survivors from **Gull Wing takes Good Kompany Cup**

Jorganho (Bayer Leverkusen), Mauro Galvao (Botafogo), Aldair

(Benfeat, Ricardo Gomes | Benfica).

Ricardo Rocha (San Paulo), Mozer (Marseille) Midfielders; Silas (Sport-

ing Lisboni, Valdu (Benfica), Bis-marck (Vasco), Tita (Vasco), Alemao (Napoli), Dunga (Fioren-ina) Fotwards -- Careca (Napoli),

Muller (Turino), Bebeto (Vasco),

Romario (PSV Eindhoven), Renato

THE Kuwait Offshore Sailing Association (Kosa) staged ACS1, the first race of the Merit Arabian Gulf Series being sponsored by Merit, last Thursday night and Friday morning. After a race filled with a number of highs and lows, Ebel's Gall Wing crossed the finish line ahead of UASC's Danat to

RIO DE JANETRO, April 17, (Reutert: Brazil soccer chief Sebas-tiao Lazaroni today named his 22-man squad for the World Cup finals in Italy, six weeks before the official

deadline, and said every match

There were nu surprises in the

group, which consists of the players with whom Lazaroni has been work-

ing for the last 12 mooths.

would be a war.

claim the Good Kompany Cup. The race was scheduled as a loog distance overnight event with the start line beiog at Shaah Marina and the finish line just outside the Marina at TEC's Khiran Resort. The course set was busically a dog leg with a 35 mile leg out to a cardioal mark to the east of Khobar Island and an equivalent leg into Khiran.

Khiran is the starting point for the Kuwait to Bahrain race and it is appropriate at this time for the Kosa committee to extend their sincerest thanks to the Kbiran Resort management to allow her-thing rights for all Kosa yachts. Additionally the Khiran management has worked particularly hard and diligently towards arranging the necessary clearances required by the Kuwait Authorities. In particular Kosa recognises the co-operation of the Minister for the Interior, Sheikh Salem Al Sabah and the time and effort extended by the General Manager of the Khiran Resort Adnan Zeinaddine and the resort Marina Manager Captain Mohammed Al Hashhash. II would be fair to say

the Bahrain Race could not be staged without the efforts of these individuals.

the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico
— Muller, Mozer, Branco, Careca,
Silas, Alemao and Mauro Galvao.

Lazaroni said the uniy change would be made if PSV Eindhoven

striker Romario, who hroke his leg in March, did not look like recovering

in time for the competition.

Squad Gautkeepers: Tallarel
(Internacional), Acacio (Vasco), Ze

Carlos (Flamengo) Defenders --

As the next race in the Merit Series is the feature race down to Bahraio this course was oteant to test the readiness off the cumpetion yachts and crew to face the rigours of the Bahrain event. The week leading up to this race had seen frantic activity down at the Shaah Marina as the declared vachts made last numbte preparations for the race.

At the start weather conditions augured well for the race with a clear sky and a fairly steady 20 knot wind blowing from the south. The competing yachts Danai, Gambit, Good Kompany, Gull Wing, Magic Flute, Red Viking and Shammul made a grand spectacle as they manoenvred for advuntage at the start.

A cautious start to the race was made by all yachts as they were nut willing to risk a disqualification for a starting infringement. Danat got away first by running down the line on port tack and tacking at the sound of the gun closely followed by Gull Wing who ran at the line on starboard tack. Good Rumpany did well to get away third followed

by Gambit and Shammal. The boat to the windward mark at Fish Cages held plenty of excitement for the yachts as the wind blowing around the onshire buildings caused some variations in the strength of the breeze. Gull



The crew members of one of the boats in action during the race

Wing held onto a starboard tack up to the mark but despite then having to tack twice managed to round just in front of Danat. These boats were closely followed by Shammal, Gambit, Good Kompany a bo had forced Red Viking to gype around the mark and give up with place to Magic Flute.

During the course of the night the wind again picked up speed causing more sail changes and adjustments. Yachts crossed each others paths as their various tacties coincided. Gambit and Red Viking had a remarkable close call given the amount of ocean that was being sailed in with Red Viking having to eall for her starboard rights. Just after midnight the race

officer was dismayed to receive a call from Gull Wing, who was leading the fleet, that they had been unable to find the next mark of the course though they had rounded some sort of buoy that looked like it had been used for target practice about four miles from where the mark should have been. The race officer was forced to advise each yacht to proceed to where they thought the mark was and round

that piece of water. At this time Danai was in second place with Red Viking, Shammal and Gambit all in close proximity with each fighting out for the minor places. Magic Flute was not far behind this group of boats with Good Kompany astern of them.

After the fleet had rounded what they thought was the location of the mark they set course for Khiran, Gulf Wiog and Danat were about an hour in froot of the next group of yachts, Red Viking, Shammal and Gambit who were about 46 minutes to froot of Magic Fluie and Good Rompany.

Gulf Wing eventually crossed the finish line at Khiran at 8:30 on Friday morning a little over 17 hours after starting the race at Shaab followed 30 minutes later by Danat. The rest of the fleet was unfortunate to be caught with a wied drop at about 9:00 a.m., which lasted for 2 hours, when they were within sight of the finish line. Gambit, Red Viking and Shammal had a very close tussle at the end for third place with Gambii eventually crossing 50 seconds in front of Red Viking and Shammal a further 60 seconds astern.

Handicap corrected results of the race finds Gull Wing taking both line and handicap honours, Danat second, Red Viking third, Shammal fourth, Gambit fifth, Magic Flute sixth and Good Kompany seventh.

The next race in the series is the Kuwait to Bahram race starting from Khiran on Tuesday, April 26 with pre race briefing at 9:00 a.m. and start time at 10:00 a.m.

# McNulty clinches title

CANNES, France, April 17, (Reuter); Zimbabwe's Mark McNulty won the Cannes Open golf title by one stroke from Briton Ronan Rafferty yesterday and moved to the top of the European Order of Merit money list.

McNulty, winner of the Cannes tournament in 1988 and Monte

Carlo Open champion in 1989, shot 71 for an eight-under-par 280 to edge out Rafferty, who lost it with a bogey five at the final hole in a final Briton Mark Roe took third place, A further shot adrift on 282 after a

elosing round of 73, while British overnight leader Ian Woosnam dropped way back with a final round 77 after his shot at the fourth hole hit a woman spectator.

McNulty, 36, won £50,000 (\$82,500) to push his season earnings to £86,740 (\$143,120) and go more than £13,000 (\$21,500) ahead of Woosnam at the top of the Order of Merit. Mediterranean Open winner Woosnam led by a stroke after a third

round 67 but slipped to joint-eight place on 285, five behind McNulty. after he was unsettled by the accident at the fourth.

The woman was taken to hospital after Woosnam's overhit second shot struck heron the head.

### Desert Orchid triumphs

DUBLIN, April 17, (Reutert: The grey superstar Desert Orchid gave his legion of fans a huge lright when he clouted the last fence before sweeping to a 12 lengths victory in the Irish Grand National vesterday.

"He hit the fence bloody hard and nearly fell," a clearly relieved trainer David Elsworth said after Britain's favourite racehorse was given a heru's welcome hy the 20,000-capacity crowd at Fuiry-

It was another milesione in the career of the silver streak who has nuw won 32 of his 62 races and taken his prize money over the £500,000 (\$800,000) mark. The even-money favourite,

clearly revelling in the flat righthand track on his Irish debut over fences, ran out an easy winner from 16-1 shot Barney Burnett with Have A Barney, at 7-1, one and half lengths away in third

It was a magnificent performance by the 11-year-old grey who was giving 28 pounds to 12 of the 13 runners and 26 pounds to the other, Have A Barney.

# England manager deflated after series defeat

ST JOHN'S, Antigua, April 17, (Reuter): England manager Micky Steward admitted to feeling deflated after his side had lost the final crickel Test and with it the series against West

Indies yesterday.
"We've worked so hard and come away beaten. But I hope that the ynunger players in the squad will come back here again and use what they have learned to win a series here." he

matches hut West Indies fought back in win the fioal :wo. West Iodies captain Viv Richards said he was particularly proud of

"A lnt of people have not seen us with our backs to the wall and the way we came back in this series was magnificent. I did say after we lost in Jamaica that I thought the best team would win the series and I think that has

"This was a magnificent series and England were a much better side than we expected."

Richards, who was presented with Antigua's Order of Distinction after the match, admitted there had been "a few little strifes" during the series but said they were oothing out of the ordinary.

In an obvious reference to his threat to hit a British journalist last Friday, the West Indies skipper said: "I'd like to think we're all feeling

a hit guilty about what happened. But lessleeping dogs lie.."

West Indies manager Clive Lloyd said there was a need for young West Indians to come through as batsmen of true Test class.

"Wemust get out younger players to follow the attitudes of the Greenidges and such. We are adequately served in the bowling depart-ment but it is time for young batsmen to show ability for the future," he said.

# W. Indies pacemen rout England

ST JOHN'S, Antigua, April 17, (Reuter): Another sustained spell of hostile fast bowling saw West Indies crush England by an innings and 32 runs with more than a day to spare to win the fifth and final cricket Test yester-

day and clinch the series 2-1. What little hope England had of avoiding defeat rapidly disappeared when two wickets fell to inept strokes soon after they started the fourth day on 16 for one in their second innings.

Needing 186 to make West Indies bat again. England were dismissed for 154 in only 47 overs - a miserable end to a series which they had once led 1-0.

The most cruel blow of all came wheo hatting stalwart Robin Smith was forced to retire because of a broken finger.

Only then did the England camp reveal that his right index finger had been hroken by a ball in England's first innings on the opening day.

Courageously, Smith decided to continue playing hut after bat-ting in considerable pain for an hour, during which he was twice more struck on the same hand, he was forced to retire after scoring

That effectively spelt the end for England and only three batsmen showed any real defiance.

Captain Allan Lamh made a pugnacious 35. Jack Russell contributed a typically stubborn 24 ano Nasser Hussain followed up his first innings 35 with 34 and was once again the last man out. But the remainder of the bats-

Joshi holds

on to edge

past Playa

THE veteran singles match between M.M. Joshi and G.S. Playa was the

the Incia Festival hadmintoo tour nament, being held at the Indian

The match was a very close affair

with hoth the players vying for supremacy until the end. Joshi,

however, finally prevailed and won the match 18-13 17-14.

lo the gents singles Saju Thomas and Regi Varghese put on a good game of hadminion until Thomas

R. Suresh beat young Joseph Phillips in three games, 15-12 7-15 15-5, in the junior boys singles.

Another gents singles match bet-ween N.C. Mathew and P.I.

Chacko resulted in the former win-ning 15-12 15-13 while T.S.

Murugavel and Mohan Ucharya

beat Koshy Thomas and Varghese Joseph 8-15 15-10 15-6 in the men's doubles.

In the other maiches Bal Sharma

beat Dr Srivastva 15-5, 15-9, Suja Varghese and Renoy John beat Dr

Maya Srivastva and A. Nazereth

15-5 15-7 while C. George and Reji Joseph defeated Bohhy Chenao and

Gents singles: Saju Joseph vs Shiva Kumar 8.00pm
Juoior boys singles [finals]: R. Suresh vs Hashwardhan 7.30 pm
Mixed douhles: Suja Varghese and Saji Varghese vs Renny Therian and R. D'Silva 8.30 pm
Veterao douhles (fioals): M.M. Joshi & John Kurian vs Bal Sharma and G.S. Plava 9.00 pm

and G.S. Playa 9.00 pm Geots doubles: R.D'Silva and Saji

Varghese or Johnsoo and Mohan Das vs Mathew Thomas and Renny

**Martinez wins** 

LARGO, Fla., April 17, (Reuter): Third seeded defend-

ing champion Conchita Mar-

tinez of Spain celehrated her 18th

hirthday with a first round vic-

tory at the \$225,000 Largo Open

dominated a second set tiebreak

7-1 to eliminate Argentine Bet-

Fourth seed Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria overwhel-

med Silvia la Fratta of Italy 6-1

6-0 to join Martinez in the second

round, hut fifth seed Laura Gil-

demeister of Peru became the

tournament's first upset victim when she fell to 132nd-ranked

West German Silke Meier 6-1

tina Fulco 6-1 7-6.

The eighth-ranked Martinez

tennis tournament yesterday.

George Varghese 17-16 15-7. Fixture for this evening:

won 15-10 15-8.

# Richards & Co. win Test series



with four wickets for 22 and lan

England's casualty list became

Middle East champion in Cyprus

Sulayem needs big team effort for win

even longer when it was announ-

A week later, three of the

team's mechanics left Duhai for

Kenya to assist Toyota team

Europe's three-car effort in the

After that event finished on

Monday the mechanics headed

back for Dubai and yesterday

they were to join Sulayem aboard

a flight bound for Cyprus. They

will all be reunited on the island

with Sulayem's regular codriver, Irishman Ronan Mor-

To complete preparations for

the 700-km Tour of Cyprus on April 28 and 29, two specialist

mecbanics will arrive from

Toyota team Europe's base in

Germany to carry out final work

on the engine and gearbox on the

The man with the job of mak-

ing sure that everyone, and

everything, arrives in Cyprus at

the right time, is Winston Toyota

team Middle East manager,

debut with the big boys, drove

very well and managed to hold

off a few more experienced drivers in the midfield until a

broken chain ended her race.

the line first, with -Freiseneg-

ger, Gardiner and Bollig in the

In Race 3, Lloyd had to work

much harder and it was not

until lap 8 that he managed to

get past Freisenegger for the

next three places.

Race 2 again saw Lloyd over

eve of the rally.

gan, who jets in from the UK.

Rally.

Bishop (three for 36).

men showed little fight against a typically aggressive West Indian howling attack, particularly Curtly Ambrose who finished

DUBAI: If Mohammed Bin

Sulayem wins the International

Tour of Cyprus Rally later this

mocth, the Middle East cham-

tremendous team effort as a

Sulayem will have to produce

one of the finest performances of

his career in order to claim vic-

tnry in an event which has been

dominated hy Cypriot drivers

In addition to the versatile

throughout its six-year bistory.

driving skills which have carried

him to 17 international triumphs so far, the UAE star will be rely-

ing heavily on maximum back-up from the Winston Toyota

team Middle East and its

A fortnight ago, the team's 70-foot trailer left Dubai for

Cyprus, carrying the Winston Toyota Celica GT-4 Group A

rally car, two service vans, a prac-

tice vehicle, chase car, and a full

load of spare tyres and parts, it

set off hy road through Qatar, Saudi Arahia, Jordan and Syria.

AHMADI kart racing's final

event of the season, the 'Friday

13th Handicap', was totally

dominated by the forceful driv-

ing style of Simon Lloyd, who

achieved a flawless score of 60

points to take top honours of

the afternoon. Second was

Peter Freisenegger (Mahdi Hahib Com. Est) with 48 points and third was David

Twelve drivers turned out

for this popular event, in which everyone was handicapped

according to their performance

over the season, thus giving all

but the front runners a better

chance of taking a trophy -

provided they did better than

In race 1, Lloyd soon took

the lead from Bollig (Hallibur-

ton) and held it while Freisen-

egger followed into second.

Gardiner (British Liason

Team) came through from

midfield to secure third place

with Wheeler holding a steady

fourth, Sandra Gardiner, in her

their own average.

Wheeler with 39.2 points.

European counterpart.

major reason for his success.

The visitors lost their first two wickets to ill-judged shots. Alec Stewart fell for eight after only 14

ced after the match that Hussain

had also batted under the han-

dicap of a broken bone in his left

minutes play when he failed to get over a ball from Bishop and Gave Richie Richardson a headhigh catch at cover.

Rob Bailey's dismissal, also for eight, was almost unforgiva-hle. Having been dropped by Jeff Dujon off the previous delivery from Bishop, Bailey slashed at the next and this time the wicketkeeper made no mistake.

Dujon was clearly grateful for the quick chance to make amends, looking skywards and holding his hands together as if in a silent prayer of thanks.

In the following over England were reduced to 37 for four when Gladstone Small's vigil as nightwatchman came to an end. A sbort ball from Ambrose hit him on the body and Small could only watch in horror as the hall trickled back on to his off stump. The crucial wicket of Lamb fell

soon after lunch when Eldine Baptiste claimed his only victim of the match, nipping one back to bowl the England captain between bat and pad.

David Capel was run out for one when Hussain refused a second and only a breezy but by then meaningless 54 at more than a run a minute by Russell and Hussain gave the visiting English fans something to enthuse over. Ambrose, who was named Man of the Series with 20 wickets in the three Tests he played, returned to dismiss Russell and then Phillip DeFreitas three balls

Desmond Haynes was named Man of the Match for his mag-nificent 167, made in almost nine hours of unflagging concentra-

Scoreboard ENGLAND first innings 260 (L Bishop five for 84) WEST INDIES first innings 446 (D. Haynes 167, G. Greenidge 149; D.

Malcolm tour for 126) ENGLAND second innings (overnight 16 for ona) A. Stewart c Richardson b Bishop8

W. Larkins b Ambrose ... G. Small b Ambrose .... R. Bailey c Dujon b Bishop... A Lamb b Baotiste. R smith retired hurt.

N. Hussain c Dujon b Bishnp ...... 34 D. Capel run out .. J. Russell c Richardson b Ambrose 24 DeFreitas c Greenidge b Ambrose ..... D. Malcolm not out ...

Extras (b-1 lb-8 w-1 nb-11) \_\_\_\_ Fall of wickets: 1-16 2-20 3-33 4-37 5-86 6-94 7-148 8-148 9-154. Bowling: Bishop 14-2-36-3. Ambrose 13-7-22-4, Welsh: 10-1-40-0.

Baptiste 10-1-47-1. Result: West Indies won by an innings and 32 runs. First Test Kingston, Jamaica — England won by nine wickets Second Test: Georgetown, Guyana - abandoned, rain Third Test: Port of Spain, Trinidad

-draw Fnurth Test: Bridgelown, Barbados - West indies won by 154

was cancelled. Now it will arrive

in Cyprus six days late on April

18 — the day we start practising. We don't want any more hold-

defensively to hold third place

from a persistent Freisenegger.

International and the Akrotiri

Road Race, both in Cyprus in

early May, the last race of the

day was a 20 lap team event

with two drivers per kart and a

compulsory driver change bet-

ween laps 8 and 15. The steady

driving of Gardiner and the

forceful driving of Lloyd

As a warm up to the Startrak

ups like that."

of Sweden won an unprecedented third singles title at the European Table Tennis Championships yes-

Appelgren, who also won last year and in 1982, set the stage for his victory in the finals by rallying to defeat Jorg Rosskopf of West Germany earlier yesterday in the semifinals, 18-21, 21-17, 19-21, 21-13, 21-16.

Other former champions who were competing included

**Problems** 

"I was far from sure I would defeat Andrzej (Gruhba) before the match. I have problems playing him and he has beaten me more often than I have defeated him," Appelgren told Swedish television. "I knew l had to play extremely well to

He credited a great serve for the win.

"I don't think I have ever said. "That was one of the reasons behind my victory today. Another was that I won a number of points in

with Peter Wakely/David

Millin second and Paul &

Ahmadi kart track will now

be closed until mid September

but the committee are actively

pursuing many improvements

to the facilities, not least of

which is the introduction of a

iunior class for 11-16 year olds

and a 125cc full bodied gearbox

class. For information, call

David Burfoot on 5732956.

Michael Wakely third.



Sweden's Bjorn Waldegard (left) and co-driver Fred Gallagher of Britain get ready to spray changage after winning the Kenya Safari Rally in Nairobi on Monday. This was the 4th Safari win for Waldegard.

### **Table Tennis**

#### **Appelgren** takes third **Euro-title**

GOTEBORG, Sweden, April 17, (AP): Mikael Appelgren terday, beating Andrzei Grubba of Poland, 21-15, 15-21, 21-15, 21-19.

along with Appelgren's com-patriots Kjell Johansson and world champion Jan Ove Waldner.

served better than today." he very sensitive situations."

# Gardner, Doohan seek to stop Rainev



Doohan: looking forward to Spanish Grand Prix

AUSTRALIANS Wayne Gardner and Michael Doohan will be list out to prevent Californian Wayne Rainey from securing his third Grand Prix victory in succession at the Spanish Grand Prix, at Jerez, on

lay 6.

The Yamaha star has won the opening two rounds of the champion.

ship and leads the 500cc table hy an impressive 16 points.

However, both Rothmans Honda stars Gardner and Doohan have grahbed second places but have also crashed. They share fourth placein. the table with 17 points each. Doohan was a brilliant second at the American Grand Prix, his best

ever Grand Prix position: He's looking forward to continuing the good work at the tight, demanding Jerez Circuit.

"I was so happy with my ride in America and I can't wait to get into Europe," explained the 24-year-old Queenslander. "After all my problems during the winter and in Japan it was great to score points. His team-mate, Wayne Gardner, crashed on the second tap in America. He's determined to cut back Rainey's advantage.

"I think all riders look forward to getting into Europe and settling into a regular pattern. I won the race at Jerez in 1987 and it's a very hard track both for rider and machine. Although Rainey leads me hy 23 points in the championships, the title race is far from over and laim to close the gap in Spain."

Neither world champion, Eddie Lawson, nor Australian Kevin Magee will be on the grid at Jerez after crashing in America. French Rothmans Honda star, Dominique Sarron, currently lies fourth in the 250cc World Championship after a brave ride in America.

#### salvaging fifth place after starting the race in 19th position. SPORTS BRIEFS

### **New manager**

Baseball games NEW YORK, April 17, (Reuter): Results of Major League baseball games played yesterday: American League

Milwaukee t8 Boston Baltimore Τοτοπιο Seartle -Minnesota National League N.Y Mets

10 Chicago C 5 Philadelphia Montreal Pittsburgh Sı Louis Cincinnati Atlanta S.Francisco Los Angeles

**Golf rankings** LONDON, April 17, (Reuter): Greg Norman's fourth place in the

Heritage Classic at Hiltoo Head Island nn Sunday was ennugh for him to stay firmly in place at the top of the world golf rankings issued yes-terday. Nick Faldo, who finished 16th, stays io secood place while Mark Calcavecchia climbs three places to fifth.

**Dutch soccer** AMSTERDAM, April 17. (Reuter):

Ajax Amsterdam thrashed strug-gling BVV Den Bosch 6-0 at home yesterday in keep their Dutch League Soccer Championship hopes alive. Champions PSV Eindhoven, with 45 points, stayed one point ahead of Ajax after scraping a 1-0 home win against the spirited but low-ranking FC Urrecht. But Ajax have four games remaining to PSV's three.

LONDON, April 17, (Reuter): Mil-wall, already doomed to relegation, yesterday appointed former Scotland captain Bruce Rioch as their new manager following a string of defeater in the Expeller was First of defeats in the English soccer First Division.

Nice Open

NICE, France, April 17, (Reuter): Seventh seed Petr Kords of Cz-choslovakia and eighth seed fordi Arrese of Spaio tumbled out of the \$260,000 Nice Open men's tennis. tournament in first round matches on the opening day yesterday.

USA beaten

FRIBOURG, Switzerland, April 17. (AP): Team USA, using a lineup con-taining only four NHL players, was routed 7-1 by Czechoslovakia last night in its npening game at the World Hockey Championships. In an earlier opening-round game, team Canada beat West Germany 5-1. The Soviet Union, the defending champioo, hlitzed Norway 9-1 and Sweden beat archrival Finland 4-2 at

SAS bridge

RESULTS of the SAS Bridge Club game played on Sunday. st N. Akel & L. Murthwaite 2od E. Keralia & G. Chakhtoura 3rd D. Materny & B. Mnussalli N. Arabi & R. Abboushi

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to budge from second place. secured a clear win for this pair Behind them, Gardiner drove

Team race winners: Lloyd , Gardiner (centre), P. Wakely / Millin (left) and

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Lloyd (cantra) with Freisenegger laft) and Wheeler on the victory

podium

Sulayem (left) with his mechanics.

"Yes, the operation is a bit of a

headache," said Plant. "We've already had one setback because

the ferry which the team trailer

was supposed to catch in Syria

Lloyd finishes first in handicap event

lead. Third place was taken by

Wheeler, who had steadily

worked his way through from

the back of the grid and fourth

place went to Bollig, who

seemed to have brought two

coachloads of supporters with

In the final Handicap Race,

Lloyd quickly took the lead

from Wheeler who then refused

4813566 (main lines)